

PIAA District 10

Crawford, Erie, Forest, Mercer, Venango, and Warren Counties

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Part 1 DISTRICT 10 COMMITTEE

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Section 1. Membership

PREAMBLE

The PIAA Constitution through its member schools provides substantial flexibility to each District in the state to determine its governing structure. The District Ten Committee follows the PIAA Constitution with some additional guidelines and qualifications in its governance structure. These are reflected in the following sections as noted below.

The District 10 Committee shall approve the official ballot, listing recommended candidates, for distribution to principals. The Committee shall authorize the Chair of the Nominating and Election Committee to prepare the annual ballot procedures at the January/February meeting with final presentation and Committee approval at the April meeting. Members who are elected or appointed may advance additional candidates for placement on the ballot.

Section 1. Membership

- A. County representatives: The Counties of, Crawford, Venango, Warren/Forest Counties, and the-Erie Metro Area shall be entitled to one each elected at-large representative who must be from the area represented. The Counties of Mercer and Erie shall be entitled to two representatives. The appropriate county principals shall make the recommendation to the District Committee for placement on the ballot through a primary election. For a listing of each school please see Appendix A for the appropriate area representation.
- B. There shall be one member to represent Junior High/Middle Schools of District 10 for a minimum of two years recommended for the ballot by the Chairman and confirmed by the Committee.
- C. A representative of the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) shall serve as a member for a two-year term elected by the PSBA. The District Ten Committee does not participate in the PSBA selection process or procedure.
- D. A representative of the District Athletic Directors' Association (who is employed as an Athletic Director at the time of appointment) shall serve as a member of the District X Committee. The representative shall serve for two years, beginning each odd-numbered year. The District Ten Athletic Directors Association provides for the selection and the District Ten Committee does not participate in their selection process or procedures.
- E. One District female official, who is an active official, elected semi annually from among their own number by the female officials' members, and one District male official, who is an active official, elected semi annually from among their own number by the male officials' members shall serve as members. The District Ten Committee does not participate in the selection process or procedure of the official's representatives
- F. One female parent representative and one male parent representative, appointed by the Chairman and confirmed by the Committee shall serve a minimum of one year.
- G. One Female sports representative recommended for the ballot by the Chairman and confirmed by the Committee shall serve a minimum of one year.
- H. One Non-Public School representative recommended for the ballot by the Chairman and confirmed by the Committee shall serve a minimum of one year.
- I. Non-Voting/Advisory Members:
There may be a number of non-voting/Advisory members that may include but not necessarily limited to: Sergeant-at-Arms, Newsletter Editor, and Marketing Director, recording secretary and others. Holders of non-voting positions are considered members of the Committee without motion or voting privilege on regular

meeting agenda items. Non-Voting/Advisory members are recommended by the Chairman and confirmed by the Committee. No provision herein demands that any or all of non-voting/advisory member positions will be active at any given time.

Section 2. Voting

- A. Each person entitled to vote shall be entitled to one vote on each matter that comes to a vote before the District Committee.
- B. A majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the District Committee. A majority of those present is necessary to pass a motion, unless such motion is required to have a different majority under these rules or the Roberts Rules of Order (Revised).
- C. Electronic votes and authorizations: it may be necessary from time to time because of time between meetings to conduct an electronic vote of the membership for indicated approval of tournament structures and other simple matters. While not binding until it is officially acted upon at the next regular meeting, the matter and indicated responses shall be listed in the next agenda and officially voted upon in public session.

Section 3. Term of Office

- A. The members of the District X Committee shall serve for a period of one year unless otherwise noted above beginning July 1st following their election. Newly elected Committee members shall be invited to all Committee meetings following election with their official term, motion and voting privileges effective July 1

Section 4. Vacancies for Non-expired Terms

- A. When a vacancy occurs, the remaining membership of the District X Committee shall fill the non expired term, except that in the case of the School Boards representative and officials representatives. The Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) shall appoint an interim representative to fill the non-expired term, and the officials shall appoint an interim representative to fill the non-expired term.

Section 5. Officers

- A. The officers and executive committee of the District 10 Committee shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. Consistent with the PIAA Constitution the District Committee shall elect officers from its own membership each year. (Article IX, Section 3B) To be eligible to be elected by the Committee as Chairman, the individual must have at least 5 years experience as a voting member of the District Committee and for Vice-Chairman, 3 years. The Chairman shall recommend the secretary and treasurer for election by the Committee

Section 6. Time of Election

- A. Information regarding the election process for the District 10 Committee Members shall be communicated to District 10 Principals. Principals shall return ballots in a manner approved by the District Committee.

Section 7. Conduct of Meetings

- A. Meetings shall be conducted by the Chairperson of the District, or in his/her absence, his/her designee, using *Roberts Rules of Order (revised)*.

Section 8. Committee Meetings

- A. Unless otherwise notified scheduled Committee meetings are held as published: Public notification of meetings is done on the PIAA District 10 website. All District 10 Committee Meetings are Open.

Section 9. Executive Committee

- A. The Executive Committee shall render decisions on matters of urgency where time or other constraints prohibit a meeting of the full Committee. They shall also render decisions on matters authorized by the full Committee from a previous meeting agenda items. The Executive Committee may also act for the District Committee as to matters normally within the scope of the authority of the Committee when the interests of District warrant action before the next meeting.

Section 10. Responsibilities and Duties of the District Committee

Reference from PIAA Constitution

ARTICLE IX DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Section 3. Powers and Duties of a District Committee.

A District Committee shall have the following powers and duties subject to exercise by the Board of Directors of its powers as provided in ARTICLE VII above:

A. To have general control within the District over all interscholastic athletic relations and Contests in which a PIAA member school participates, subject to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Board of Directors.

B. To elect its own officers and establish its own rules of procedure.

C. To administer the finances of the District Committee.

D. To render, within the District, an opinion on the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA.

E. To investigate, hear, and decide matters in dispute between PIAA member schools located within the District. The District will not consider matters submitted more than one year after the dispute arose. No officer or member of the District Committee shall be eligible to vote in case of a dispute involving such officer's or member's school or public school district.

F. To receive, request, or require data on alleged violations of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations by or from schools located within the District. In assuming this responsibility, the District Committee shall not be required to assume the position of investigator. Charges of violation of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA by a PIAA member school shall be made to the Chairman of the District Committee in writing, and, if requested by the District Committee, such evidence shall be presented in the form of affidavits.

G. To make determinations as to the eligibility of contestants, and to address alleged violations of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA.

H. To fix and enforce penalties, within the District, for violation of the Constitution, and By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA, within the limits prescribed by the By-Laws.

I. In acting pursuant to the provisions of subsections D, E, F, G, and H of this Section, the District Committee shall act at a scheduled meeting, unless the Chairman of the District Committee shall determine that immediate disposition of the matter would be in the best interests of the District or PIAA. In such event, the Chairman of the District Committee shall promptly convene a Hearing Panel to hear and determine such matter as expeditiously as possible. The membership of such Hearing Panel shall consist of at least five members of the District Committee designated by the Chairman for each such matter requiring expeditious disposition. No officer or member of the District Committee shall be eligible to serve upon such Hearing Panel in any matter involving such officer's or member's school or public school district.

J. To have general control of District Championship Contests.

K. To act with the Board of Directors in the transfer of schools from one District to another.

L. A District Committee shall have such other powers within the District as are in keeping with the growth and needs of PIAA and which are consistent with the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA.

M. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the District Committee except in cases where a three-fourths or unanimous vote of the entire Committee is required.

PIAA INTERPRETATIONS

ARTICLE VII, Section 1-G and ARTICLE VIII, Section 3-E and F. October 26, 1957. The Board of Directors and District Committees will not consider any protest in Contests which are based on play situations or officials' decisions involving interpretation or judgment of plays. In no case will the results of a Contest be reversed nor will a Contest be ordered or permitted to be replayed. Questions regarding interpretation of rules or judgment of officials should be submitted in writing to the Executive Director.

Section 3. January 30, 1998.

A District Committee may authorize its executive staff to schedule hearings before the District Committee and Hearing Panels of the District Committee, to receive, request, or require data on alleged violations of the Constitution, By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA by or from schools located within the District, and to prepare and sign letters communicating decisions made by the District Committee and Hearing Panels.

Section 11. District Tournaments

A. Each of the following contested tournaments shall have a Tournament Director chosen by the District Committee:

Fall Sports: Soccer, Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Football, Golf and Cross Country

Winter Sports: Wrestling, Basketball, Swimming, and Competitive Cheer

Spring Sports: Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Boys Volleyball, Track, and Lacrosse

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Part Two Rules and Regulations of District 10 Regions

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Rules and Regulations of District 10 Regions

Article I: Name

District 10 Regions

Article II: Purpose

Section 1. Purpose for Region Organization

- A. To organize, develop, and direct interscholastic athletic regular season and District post-season programs within the confines of District 10 schools that will promote, protect and conserve the health and physical welfare of all participants of member schools.
- B. To formulate and maintain policies that will safeguard the educational values of interscholastic athletics and cultivate ideals of good sportsmanship.
- C. To enforce and interpret District 10 and PIAA Rules and Regulations.
- D. To establish and maintain athletic Regions for regular season play.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Schools within District 10

- A. All schools of DISTRICT 10 are members of the Region organization of sponsored sports.
- B. Member schools hold full status and must participate in any sport included in the District 10 Region League Play provided the individual school sponsors a team. Participation is mandatory to be eligible for District playoffs.
- C. A member school may request prior to the beginning of any PIAA 2 year scheduling cycle to be released from District 10 for a specific sport. While rare, this request may be approved for a period of two years if in the opinion of the District 10 Committee a reasonable schedule cannot be accomplished within the regular District 10 scheduling process for that specific team in a specific sport.
- D. Member Schools released by District 10 to play in a specific sport in another PIAA District may be required to return to District 10 for playoff purposes to qualify for the State Tournament.

Section 2. Application Procedures for Schools adding sports

- A. For a member school who has added a new sport to their program: Inclusion to a District 10 Region will be granted after a written request has been forwarded to the District Committee that includes:
 - 1. The intention of the school to sponsor the sport
 - 2. The effective date of the establishment of the sponsorship of the sport
 - 3. Signature of the high school principal.
 - 4. Placement into a District 10 Region for that sport will be effective at the next scheduling opportunity.

Section 3. Schools applying to transfer to District 10

- A. By following procedures as defined by PIAA and or District 10, schools may be accepted by affirmative vote of the committee membership.
- B. For schools applying for sport specific membership, the District Committee may approve such requests, and, subject to the best interest of District 10 schools, may require a provision that if the sport specific team plays in District 10 they must qualify for playoffs in District 10.

Section 4. Dues and Assessments

- A. District 10 may assess membership dues for Region play payable as billed in September of each year.

Section 5. Courtesy Passes

- A. District 10 shall issue five (5) courtesy passes to each member school for regular season games for school officials and their guests.

Section 6. Regular Season Admission Tickets

- A. Each school shall set it's own admission price for home contests.

Article IV: Organization And Authority

Section 1. District 10 Committee

- A. The District 10 Committee shall be composed of members as outlined in the PIAA Constitution and By-laws and by District 10 policies.
- B. The District 10 Committee shall hold meetings as scheduled.
- C. A majority of voting members must be present to constitute a quorum of the District 10 Committee.
- D. Special meetings may be called by District 10 chairperson or at the request of two members.
- E. Minutes of all meetings shall record all motions, seconds, amendments, discussions and votes taken.
- F. The District 10 Committee shall conduct the business of the District 10 Regions.

Article V: Amendments of the Rules and Regulations

Section 1. By District 10:

- A. A majority vote of District 10 Committee members present is required to amend District 10 Rules and Regulations. All changes take effect on the next July 1st unless otherwise noted.

Section 2. Suspension of protocol

- A. Suspension of the above protocol may be done by 3/4ths vote of the present District 10 Committee Members

Section 3. Proposed changes by member schools

- A. A proposed amendment by a member school principal may be submitted to the District 10 Committee in writing either directly or through the member school's county representative.

Article VI: Infractions of the Rules and Regulations

- Section 1.** The District 10 Committee shall settle any infraction of the Rules and Regulations of District 10 and PIAA by member schools with all decisions binding on all parties.

Article VII: Athletic Programs of District 10

Section 1. Sponsored Sports:

District 10 will sponsor interscholastic Region play in the following varsity sports.

Fall Sports

- 1 Girls & Boys Cross Country
- 2 Girls & Boys Golf
- 3 Girls Volleyball
- 4 Football
- 5 Girls Tennis
- 6 Girls & Boys Soccer

Winter Sports/Activities

- 1 Boys Basketball
- 2 Girls Basketball
- 3 Girls and Boys Swimming & Diving
- 4 Wrestling
- 5 Competitive Spirit

Spring Sports

- 1 Baseball
- 2 Boys Track
- 3 Girls Track
- 4 Boys Tennis
- 5 Softball
- 6 Lacrosse

Article VIII: Region Alignment and Realignment

Section 1. Regions

- A. A Region structure will be utilized in all sports as determined by District 10.
- B. Realignment may occur every two years based on enrollment and or declared classification changes.
- C. Where crossover play is mandated between regions, no team shall play another team two classifications above (i.e. "AA" vs "AAAA") unless that team is willing to do so. (April 2006)

Article IX: Scheduling of Contest/Events

Section 1. New Schedules

- A. Contests will be scheduled in February/March of even numbered years for the following 2-year cycle:
- B. In scheduling Region and mandatory crossover contests: The days and starting times of play, as articulated in Sections 3 and 4 below, will be adhered to insomuch as possible given any site restraints or conflicts, the availability of game officials, and/or limitations in time (length of season). (January 2008)
- C. Region Preferences: Any Region in any sport may alter the Region days of play and/or starting times by agreement of the schools in that region. (January 2008)
- D. Any school scheduled against another school may by mutual consent alter the day of play and/or starting time. (January 2008)

Section 2. Subsequent 2-year cycle Schedules

- A. Schedules are to be made where possible by rotating the current cycle contests front to back and alternating home and away.
- B. All approved schedules are to be mailed and/or electronically distributed to the Athletic Director and Principal of participating schools.

Section 3. Regular Season Contest Days

- A. Schedules will be developed based on the following days of play:

<u>Baseball</u>	<u>Mon/Wed</u>
<u>Boys Basketball</u>	<u>Tues/Friday</u>
<u>Girls Basketball</u>	<u>Mon/Thurs</u>
<u>Volleyball</u>	<u>Tues/Thurs</u>
<u>Cross Country</u>	<u>Tues/Thurs</u>
<u>Golf</u>	<u>Tues/Thurs</u>
<u>Track</u>	<u>Tues/Thurs</u>
<u>Wrestling</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
<u>Football</u>	<u>Friday or Saturday</u>
<u>JV Football</u>	<u>Monday</u>
<u>Soccer</u>	<u>Tues/Thurs</u>
<u>Softball</u>	<u>Tues/Thurs</u>
<u>Swimming</u>	<u>Mon/Thurs</u>

Section 4. Region Games Starting Times

A. Schedules will be developed based on the following starting times:

1	Baseball & Softball	4PM
2	Basketball	JV 6:00PM, Varsity 15 minutes following completion of JV game.
3	Volleyball	JV 6:00PM, Varsity 15 minutes following completion of JV game.
4	Cross Country	4PM
5	Golf	As late as the home course allows 9 or 18 hole matches:
6	Track	4PM
7	Wrestling	JV 6:30PM, Varsity 15 minutes following completion of JV game.
8	Football	Night Var 7:00, 7:30 or 8:00PM. Day Var Noon, 1:00 or 1:30PM.
9	JV Football	6PM
10	Soccer	4PM or Night 7PM JV to follow time permitting.
11	Swimming	4PM or Night 7PM JV to follow time permitting
12	Lacrosse	4PM or Night 7PM JV to follow time permitting

Article X: Rules and Regulations of Contests

Section 1. ALL PIAA BY-LAWS, RULES AND REGULATIONS SHALL APPLY TO ALL REGION PLAY.

Article XI: Athletic Officials

Section 1. Scheduling of Officials

- A. District 10 shall have responsibility for identifying assignors for the scheduling of officials for all varsity contests.
- B. The scheduling of all sub-varsity officials shall be the responsibility of the home school.
- C. Payment to all officials shall be made by the home school for regular season games and the playoff round of 16.
- D. It is PIAA policy that the PIAA District Officials' Representative(s), or the Officials' Representative's designee(s), with the concurrence of the respective PIAA District Chairman, assign PIAA-registered Contest officials in the sports of baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, football, lacrosse, softball, soccer, swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling to all District Championship Contests.

Section 2. Suggested Rates For Officials

A. The following are the suggested minimum rates:

Assigning and Game Official Information

Approved February 2015

Assignor fees include the scheduling of all officials (region, non-region, independent games & scrimmages) for schools in assignors service area.

Assignor Fees: (Assignor assigns all region and non-region games.)

- Varsity sports assignor fee will be \$69.00 through the 2017-2018 school year.
- Sub varsity JV assignor fee is \$47.00 through the 2017-2018 school year.
- Sub varsity JH assignor fee is \$40.00 through the 2017-2018 school year.
- One varsity assignor fee of \$69.00 through the 2017-2018 school year for the sport of volleyball for V/JV.
- One varsity assignor fee of \$69.00 through the 2017-2018 school year for the sport of wrestling (covers all levels V/JV/JH)

DISTRICT-10 PLAY-OFF OFFICIALS:

Beginning in the 2015-2016 school year the failure of a PIAA-registered sports official to attend at least one PIAA Officials' Convention during the preceding five (5) years *may be considered* a factor in determining whether to assign that sports official to officiate a District Championship Contest. This does not apply to District 10 early round playoff contests

SUGGESTED PLAYOFF FEES	2017-2018 school year
(All sports except x-country and track)	75.00
Track & Cross Country	92.00
Wrestling Entire Tournament	250.00

SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR **REGULAR SEASON** OFFICIAL'S FEES

(Adopted February 4, 2015)

SPORT YEAR	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
FOOTBALL			
VAR. (crew 5)	69	69	69
J.V.	49	49	49
JR.HIGH	44	44	44
SOCCER			
VAR.	69	69	69
J.V.	49	49	49
BLEND	105	105	105
JR HIGH	44	44	44
VOLLEYBALL			
VAR.	69	69	69
J.V.	49	49	49
BLEND	92	92	92
JR. HIGH (7,8,9) 2 games	73	73	73
JR. HIGH DUEL	44	44	44
BASKETBALL			
VAR.(crew 3)	69	69	69
J.V.	49	49	49
JR. HIGH (7,8,9) 2 games	73	73	73
JR. HIGH (single game)	44	44	44
WRESTLING			
VAR.	69	69	69
JV.	49	49	49
JR. HIGH	44	44	44
BLEND JV-V	105	105	105
BLEND JH & JV	84	84	84
BLEND JR, JV, V)	131	131	131
SWIMMING			
CREW OF 2	64	64	64
CREW OF 3 DIVING	69	69	69
BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL			
VAR. (CREW 2)	69	69	69
JV.	49	49	49
BLEND	105	105	105

\$15.00 first inning - \$5.00 per inning 2nd-6th when dealing with rainouts. Not to exceed normal fee price.
 \$15.00 for reporting to site and game cancelled prior to beginning the game.

TRACK (CREW OF 1)

DUAL	71	71	71
TRI	84	84	84
QUAD	94	94	94

LACROSSE

VAR.	69	69	69
J.V.	49	49	49
BLEND	105	105	105
JR HIGH	44	44	44

All Games: \$15.00 show-up fee if game is not started. Half game fee for cancelled game in progress that will not count as a completed game. Blended fees are voided when games are cancelled and only a half game fee for the 1st game will be paid

Scrimmage Fee: \$22.00 for 2.5 hours.

Wrestling: May 2, 2012
 Base rate for the highest level of competition plus \$4.00 per match for JV up to and including 7 matches with full blend rate starting with the 8th JV Match) and \$3.00 per match for Junior High up to and including 7 matches, full blend rate starting with the 8th match.

Article XII: Champions and District Qualifiers

Section 1. Region Play

A. Champions in all varsity sports shall be determined by best won/loss record in region play. In case of ties, all teams involved will be declared as co-champions.

Best record to be defined as the best winning percentage in league play (number of wins divided by total number of games played). In those sports where ties are possible, any tie is to be counted as a half win. (December 2009)

B. The number of District qualifiers for team sports will be determined by the District 10 Committee as noted in The District 10 2015-2016 TEAM SPORTS BRACKETING RULES, QUALIFIERS, AND BRACKETS publication.

Section 2. District 10 Playoffs

A. The District 10 Committee, the Chairman and/or designees shall have full authority regarding scheduling, and management of all play-off situations.

B. PLAYOFFS REGULATIONS

The District Committee shall approve single site sport venues in advance.

- 1 The scheduling of playoff games with sports with multiple rounds and multiple venues are subject to the review and approval of the chairman or designee.
- 2 The District Committee will determine District 10 playoff ticket prices.
- 3 Individual sport regulations and information for participating schools are approved by the District Committee and posted on the District 10 web site.

Article XIII: Region Recognition

Section 1. Awards

A. District 10, following the sport season, shall make trophy awards for various athletic Region champions as soon as possible.

B. Trophies awards shall be engraved by District 10 and indicate "District 10" and the name of the Region (if applicable), sport, and year and school.

Article XIV: Tie Breakers

Section 1. Region Tiebreaker

A. The best record from Region games will identify Region standing. Tied teams at the top will be declared co-champions, but must go through the tiebreaker determination for Region Standing for playoff bracketing. *Best record to be defined as the best winning percentage in Region play (number of wins divided by total number of games played). In those sports where ties are possible, any tie is to be counted as a half win.*

B. Tiebreaker determination, if necessary, to **determine Region Standing***

Each point is separate and distinct, meaning that the calculation of the first point could end the tie and going forward is not necessary. Following point 1 if teams remain tied go on to point 2. If a team or teams standing is determined under point 1 and there remains two or more teams still tied repeat point 1 for remaining tied teams minus the determined team(s).

1. Best record head to head played among tied teams: If still tied,
2. In Mixed classification Regions: a, b and c below applies. In pure classification Regions b and c below applies.
 - a. Record against teams of similar classification in region: If still tied,
 - b. Best won/loss record against teams above in their order of finish. If still tied...
 - c. Best won/loss record against teams below in their order of finish. If still tied go to point 3
3. Ranking Index point system (does not apply to all team sports)
When teams are tied in a Region, the team with the most points using the point system will determine Region Standing. If after the point totals are computed there are two or more teams tied with the most points, the remaining team(s) not tied with the most points is determined to have finished below the remaining teams. In the case of the two or more teams tied with the most points, return to point 1.
4. Coin toss.

RANKING INDEX POINT SYSTEM FOR ALL GAMES THROUGH THE LAST PLAY DATE OR THE DATE ESTABLISHED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IN CASES WHERE THE TOTAL SEASON GAMES CANNOT BE COMPLETED. The Ranking index form MUST be submitted by each school. The form is to be completed on-line.

FAILURE TO COMPLETE FORM: A SCHOOL THAT DOES NOT COMPLETE THE FORM MAY BE PLACED IN THE BOTTOM TIER IN TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE. FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE FORM MORE THAN ONCE MAY RESULT IN FORFEITURE OF CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPATION.

2 points for win against a "1A"
3 points for win against a "2A"
4 points for win against a "3A"
5 points for win against a "4A"
6 points for win against a "5A"
7 points for win against a "6A"

1 points for playing a "1A"
2 points for playing a "2A"
3 points for playing a "3A"
4 points for playing a "4A"
5 points for playing a "5A"
6 points for playing a "6A"
-1 point for each loss

In sports where a tie is possible zero points for a tie will be awarded

NOTE: In the event tied teams have an unequal number of games the points earned shall be divided by the number of games through the **LAST play** date.

*Does not apply to Golf and Wrestling. It does not apply to golf because of mega match format. The Tied teams shall playoff. It does not apply to wrestling because team-wrestling championship is conducted prior to the end of the regular season AND, entry into the tournament is by application.

Article XV: Individual Sports Regulations

Section 1. CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP

Statement to be read at every District 10 home game:

District 10 and its member schools encourage and promote sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. Profanity, racial or ethnic comments, or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or game management will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from any game.

A. All schools in District 10 are requested to read or have posted a Code of Sportsmanship prior to each and every athletic contest. The National Federation Code of Sportsmanship is offered as an example below:

B. In accordance with the guidelines of good sportsmanship developed by the National Federation, all spectators are reminded that the use of offensive, obscene or abusive language, or language intended to insult, harass, or incite players, coaches, PIAA officials and staff or other spectators is prohibited. Such person or persons involved in using such language will be ejected from the game and/or grounds.

1. School and game officials reserve the right to refuse admission to school contest and to remove from school property, any person or persons who violate rules of good conduct.
2. Booing, taunting, or intimidating officials has no place in high school athletics, and may be cause for removal from the premises.
3. Obscene cheers and gestures, erratic behavior, and unsportsman like conduct will not be tolerated.
4. Posters and signs must be pre-approved by school administration to be displayed by spectators or affixed to school property
5. Artificial noisemakers (bells, horns, wood clackers, etc) are not permitted.
6. PIAA regulations for coach/spectator decorum for all sports are in effect at all District 10 member school contests.
7. Only school-authorized participants are allowed on the field/or gym floor at any time.
8. Only participating athletes, who are wearing some part of the official uniform or warm-up with appropriate shoes, are allowed on the gym floor prior to the competition, at halftime or at the conclusion of the contest.

Section 2. NUMBER OF OFFICIALS FOR CONTESTS

A. All Districts 10 mandated contests shall not be started or completed with less than the minimum mandated number of PIAA approved officials. While unforeseen circumstances may delay or prevent one or more officials from reporting to an assignment, or, from completing an assignment, all District 10 mandated contests shall not be started or completed with less than the mandated minimum number of PIAA approved officials.

		<u>MANDATED # TO BE SCHEDULED</u>	<u>MANDATED MINIMUM # TO BEGIN or COMPLETE CONTEST</u>
Football	- Varsity	5	4
	- Jr. Varsity	4	3
	- Jr. High/Middle School	3	3
Soccer	- All levels	2	2
Volleyball	- All levels	2	2
Basketball	- Varsity	3	2
	- All other levels	2	2
Swimming & Diving	- All levels	3	3
Wrestling	- All levels	1	1
Baseball	- All levels	2	2
Softball	- All levels	2	2
Track & Field	- All levels	1	1

Section 3. Individual Sports

A. REGULATIONS FOR CROSS COUNTRY

NATIONAL FEDERATION

All National Federation rules are official rules for all events.

P.I.A.A.

All P.I.A.A. regulations apply to all events.

DISTRICT 10

Scheduled Meets:

- Postponed region/crossover meets are to be rescheduled on the first available play date. Independent meets should not be scheduled during region/crossover play unless they can be rescheduled in the case of a region/crossover make-up meet. Postponed or cancelled region/crossover meets should be made up in the order they were postponed or cancelled with the order of priority being regional, then crossover, followed by independent meets.
- The starting times for meets will follow those listed in the D-10 Handbook.
- All tri-meets will be scored as double dual meets.
- If schedule changes are necessary for school events, they should be in place prior to the start of the season whenever possible.
- In case of postponement or cancellation, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the visiting team and officials/assignor in a timely manner.

Home Team Responsibilities:

- The home team will report accurate meet results to the media (newspaper, television, etc.). However, all coaches are encouraged to contact their local media, if applicable.

Section 3. Individual Sports

B. REGULATIONS FOR FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FEDERATION

All National Federation rules are official rules for all events.

P.I.A.A.

All P.I.A.A. regulations apply to all events.

DISTRICT 10

Scheduled Games:

- Postponed or cancelled region/crossover games are to be rescheduled on the first available play date and in the order in they were postponed or cancelled. Postponed or cancelled region/crossover games should be made up in the order they were postponed or cancelled with the order of priority being regional, then crossover, followed by independent games.
- The starting times for games will follow those listed in the D-10 Handbook.
- If schedule changes are necessary for school events, they should be in place prior to the start of the season whenever possible.
- In case of postponement or cancellation, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the visiting team and officials/assignor a timely manner.
- All scheduled Varsity football games played between District 10 schools must include a mandatory JV game between the same two schools (April 2014)

Halftime Procedures:

- Fifteen minutes should be allotted for a normal halftime. However, it may be increased to a maximum of twenty minutes, provided opponents have been notified no later than five minutes prior to the game.

Cheerleader/Marching/Pep Bands:

- Cheerleaders are to remain in the designated area(s) during the game.
- Cheerleaders shall not stand on another person unless that other person has at least one (1) foot on the ground.
- No flips are permitted from another person, unless that other person has both feet on the ground.
- Trampolines and/or mini tramps shall not be used.
- Marching/Pep Bands are prohibited from performing whenever the opposing schools' football team is in possession of the ball.

Home Team Responsibilities:

- The home team will report accurate game results to the media (newspaper, television, etc.). However, all coaches are encouraged to contact their local media, if applicable.

Section 3. Individual Sports

C. REGULATIONS FOR GOLF

U.S.G.A.

All United States Golf Association rules are official rules for all events.

P.I.A.A.

All P.I.A.A. regulations apply to all events.

DISTRICT 10

Scheduled Matches:

- Postponed region/crossover matches are to be rescheduled on the first available play date. Independent matches should not be scheduled during region/crossover play, unless they can be rescheduled in the case of a region/crossover make-up match. Postponed or cancelled region/crossover matches should be made up in the order they were postponed or cancelled with the order of priority being regional, then crossover, followed by independent matches.
- The starting times for matches will follow those listed in the D-10 Handbook.
- If schedule changes are necessary for school events, they should be in place prior to the start of the season whenever possible.
- In case of postponement or cancellation, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the visiting team and the golf course a timely manner.

Competition Rules:

- Matches will consist of nine or eighteen holes.
- Regions, in deciding whether to play matches of nine or eighteen holes, shall be bound by a majority vote of the high school principals in that region. (February 2006)
- All regular season regional matches will consist of a 6-person team. Four of the six scores will count to determine the winner of the match. (April 2006)
- Regions conducting an individual qualifying tournament may not play more than eighteen holes. (April 2006)
- Each coach shall present to the opposing coach a written line-up prior to the start of the match.
- The visiting golfer will hit first on the first hole. After the first hole, honors will then prevail.
- Each player shall keep a scorecard with their own score and their opponent's score. These cards should be checked after each hole. At the end of each match, these cards shall be signed by each player and turned in to the coaches.
- Players should be reminded to follow all course and USGA rules and to respect the course and its members. Players should also make every effort to speed up play whenever possible.

Home Team Responsibilities:

- The home team will report accurate match results to the media (newspaper, television, etc.). However, all coaches are encouraged to contact their local media, if applicable.

Section 3. Individual Sports

D. REGULATIONS FOR SOCCER

NATIONAL FEDERATION

All National Federation rules are official rules for all events.

P.I.A.A.

All P.I.A.A. regulations apply to all events.

DISTRICT 10

Scheduled Matches:

- Postponed region/crossover matches are to be rescheduled on the first available play date. Independent matches should not be scheduled during region/crossover play unless they can be rescheduled in the case of a region/crossover make-up match. Postponed or cancelled region/crossover matches should be made up in the order they were postponed or cancelled with the order of priority being regional, then crossover, followed by independent matches.
- The starting times for matches will follow those listed in the D-10 Handbook.
- If schedule changes are necessary for school events, they should be in place prior to the start of the season whenever possible.
- In case of postponement or cancellation, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the visiting team and officials/assignor a timely manner.

Home Team Responsibilities:

- The home team will furnish the NFHS approved soccer balls.
- The home team will report accurate match results to the media (newspaper, television, etc.). However, all coaches are encouraged to contact their local media, if applicable.

Section 3. Individual Sports

E. REGULATIONS FOR VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL FEDERATION

All National Federation rules are official rules for all events.

P.I.A.A.

All P.I.A.A. regulations apply to all events.

DISTRICT 10

Scheduled Matches:

- Postponed region/crossover matches are to be rescheduled on the first available play date. Independent matches should not be scheduled during region/crossover play unless they can be rescheduled in the case of a region/crossover make-up match. Postponed or cancelled region/crossover matches should be made up in the order they were postponed or cancelled with the order of priority being regional, then crossover, followed by independent matches.
- The starting times for matches will follow those listed in the D-10 Handbook.
- If schedule changes are necessary for school events, they should be in place prior to the start of the season whenever possible.
- In case of postponement or cancellation, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the visiting team and officials/assignor a timely manner.

Warm-Up Procedures:

- There shall be a 20-minute warm-up period prior to the start of a match, which shall include: 10 minutes of pepper, 8 minutes of warm-up (4 minutes of court time per team) and 2 minutes of serving.

Game Procedures:

- Varsity volleyball matches shall consist of 3 of 5 competitions.
- Junior varsity volleyball matches shall consist of 2 of 3 competitions.

Home Team Responsibilities:

- The home team shall provide practice balls for the visiting teams, as well as the NFHS approved contest volleyballs.
- The home team will report accurate match results to the media (newspaper, television, etc.). However, all coaches are encouraged to contact their local media, if applicable.

Section 3. Individual Sports

F. REGULATIONS FOR BASKETBALL

NATIONAL FEDERATION

All National Federation rules are official rules for all events.

P.I.A.A.

All P.I.A.A. regulations apply to all events.

DISTRICT 10

Scheduled Games:

- Postponed or cancelled region/crossover games are to be rescheduled on the first available play date and in the order in they were postponed or cancelled. Postponed or cancelled region/crossover games should be made up in the order they were postponed or cancelled with the order of priority being regional, then crossover, followed by independent games.
- The starting times for games will follow those listed in the D-10 Handbook.
- If schedule changes are necessary for school events, they should be in place prior to the start of the season whenever possible.
- In case of postponement or cancellation, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the visiting team and officials/assignor a timely manner.

Warm-Up Procedures:

- There shall be a 15-minute warm-up period following the conclusion of the junior varsity game and the start of the varsity game.

Game Procedures:

Cheerleader/Pep Band:

- Cheerleaders are to be seated during 'live ball' play, including foul shots.
- Active cheering may take place during 'dead ball' time (full time outs and between quarters).
- Cheerleaders shall not stand on another person unless that other person has at least one (1) foot on the ground.
- No flips are permitted from another person, unless that other person has both feet on the ground.
- Trampolines and/or mini tramps shall not be used.
- Pep bands may only play during 'dead ball' time (full time outs and between quarters).

Home Team Responsibilities:

- The host school should be responsible for making sure that spectators of any age not be permitted on the gym floor for any reason (shooting baskets, chasing, etc.). Only school approved activities and participating athletes who are wearing some part of the official uniform or warm-up with appropriate shoes, are allowed on the gym floor prior to the competition, at halftime or at the conclusion of the contest.
- The home team will report accurate game results to the media (newspaper, television, etc.). However, all coaches are encouraged to contact their local media, if applicable.

Section 3. Individual Sports

G. REGULATIONS FOR SWIMMING & DIVING

NATIONAL FEDERATION

All National Federation rules are official rules for all events.

P.I.A.A.

All P.I.A.A. regulations apply to all events.

DISTRICT 10

Scheduled Meets:

- Postponed region/crossover meets are to be rescheduled on the first available play date. Independent meets should not be scheduled during region/crossover play unless they can be rescheduled in the case of a region/crossover make-up meet. Postponed or cancelled region/crossover meets should be made up in the order they were postponed or cancelled with the order of priority being regional, then crossover, followed by independent meets.
- The starting times for meets will follow those listed in the D-10 Handbook.
- All tri-meets will be scored as double dual meets.
- If schedule changes are necessary for school events, they should be in place prior to the start of the season whenever possible.
- In case of postponement or cancellation, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the visiting team and officials/assignor a timely manner.

Home Team Responsibilities:

- The home team will report accurate meet results to the media (newspaper, television, etc.). However, all coaches are encouraged to contact their local media, if applicable.

Section 3. Individual Sports

H. REGULATIONS FOR WRESTLING

NATIONAL FEDERATION

All National Federation rules are official rules for all events.

P.I.A.A.

All P.I.A.A. regulations apply to all events.

DISTRICT 10

Scheduled Matches:

- Postponed region/crossover matches are to be rescheduled on the first available play date. Independent matches should not be scheduled during region/crossover play unless they can be rescheduled in the case of a region/crossover make-up match. Postponed or cancelled region/crossover matches should be made up in the order they were postponed or cancelled with the order of priority being regional, then crossover, followed by independent matches.
- The starting times for matches will follow those listed in the D-10 Handbook.
- If schedule changes are necessary for school events, they should be in place prior to the start of the season whenever possible.
- In case of postponement or cancellation, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the visiting team and officials/assignor a timely manner.
- Wrestling Clarification: each region must complete the head to head schedule. A region tournament involving region only teams may be done. In that case the responsibility for payment of officials is born by the designated home team for each match.

Cheerleader/Pep Band:

- Cheerleaders are to remain in the designated area(s) during the match, which is suggested to be 10' from the mat area and scorers table.
- Cheerleaders shall not stand on another person unless that other person has at least one (1) foot on the ground.
- No flips are permitted from another person, unless that other person has both feet on the ground.
- Trampolines and/or mini tramps shall not be used.
- Pep bands may only play during 'dead' time (full time outs and between matches).

Home Team Responsibilities:

- The home team provide equal five (5) minutes of warm-up time for each team.
- The home team will report accurate match results to the media (newspaper, television, etc.). However, all coaches are encouraged to contact their local media, if applicable.

Section 3. Individual Sports

I. REGULATIONS FOR BASEBALL

NATIONAL FEDERATION

All National Federation rules are official rules for all events.

P.I.A.A.

All P.I.A.A. regulations apply to all events.

DISTRICT 10

Scheduled Games:

- Postponed region/crossover games are to be rescheduled on the first available play date. Independent games should not be scheduled during region/crossover play unless they can be rescheduled in the case of a region/crossover make-up game. Postponed or cancelled region/crossover games should be made up in the order they were postponed or cancelled with the order of priority being regional, then crossover, followed by independent games. Saturday games will start at a time that is mutually acceptable.
- The starting times for games will follow those listed in the D-10 Handbook.
- No more than 4 Region games in one week may be played. (April 2014) (Revised August 2016)
- If schedule changes are necessary for school events, they should be in place prior to the start of the season whenever possible.
- In case of postponement or cancellation, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the visiting team and umpires/assignor a timely manner.

Home Team Responsibilities:

- The home team will furnish three (3) unused NFHS approved baseballs. Additional baseballs should be furnished at umpire's request, if conditions warrant.
- The home team will provide the official scorer and official scorebook.
- The home team attempt to provide equal warm-up time for both teams.
- The home team will report accurate game results to the media (newspaper, television, etc.). However, all coaches are encouraged to contact their local media, if applicable.

Section 3. Individual Sports

J. REGULATIONS FOR SOFTBALL

NATIONAL FEDERATION

All National Federation rules are official rules for all events.

P.I.A.A.

All P.I.A.A. regulations apply to all events.

DISTRICT 10

Scheduled Games:

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- The starting times for games will follow those listed in the D-10 Handbook.
- If schedule changes are necessary for school events, they should be in place prior to the start of the season whenever possible.
- In case of postponement or cancellation, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the visiting team and umpires/assignor a timely manner.

Home Team Responsibilities:

- The home team will furnish three (3) unused NFHS approved softballs. Additional softballs should be furnished at umpire's request, if conditions warrant.
- The home team will provide the official scorer and official scorebook.
- The home team attempt to provide equal warm-up time for both teams.
- The home team will report accurate game results to the media (newspaper, television, etc.). However, all coaches are encouraged to contact their local media, if applicable.

Section 3. Individual Sports

K. REGULATIONS FOR TENNIS

U.S.T.A.

All United States Tennis Association rules are official rules for all events.

P.I.A.A.

All P.I.A.A. regulations apply to all events.

DISTRICT 10

Scheduled Matches:

- Postponed region/crossover matches are to be rescheduled on the first available play date. Independent matches should not be scheduled during region/crossover play, unless they can be rescheduled in the case of a region/crossover make-up match. Postponed or cancelled region/crossover matches should be made up in the order they were postponed or cancelled with the order of priority being regional, then crossover, followed by independent matches. Saturday matches will start at a time that is mutually acceptable.
- The starting times for matches will follow those listed in the D-10 Handbook.
- If schedule changes are necessary for school events, they should be in place prior to the start of the season whenever possible.
- In case of postponement or cancellation, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the visiting team a timely manner.

Specific Match Factors:

- All region/crossover matches will be conducted in a 3-2 format (three singles matches and two doubles matches) and exhibition matches are permitted.
- Line-ups for singles and doubles will be presented in writing at the beginning of each match. Only when the match has been decided in singles can a coach change the doubles line-ups, which may also be changed due to injury, sickness, etc.
- It shall be the coach's responsibility to position their players according to their ability: Best player in the first position; second best player in the second position, etc. If a team's number one player is unavailable for a match, the number two player moves to number one, number three moves to number two, etc.
- When the postponed match is rescheduled the original line-ups will be maintained, however if a player is unable to continue, the match will be forfeited.
- If a match has not been started and a player is unable to compete, the next highest-ranking player beneath that position shall be substituted into the match.

Home Team Responsibilities:

- The home team will furnish three (3) unused NFHS approved tennis balls for each of the singles and each of the doubles matches. Additional tennis balls should be furnished, if conditions warrant.
- The home team attempt to provide equal warm-up time for both teams.
- The home team will report accurate match results to the media (newspaper, television, etc.). However, all coaches are encouraged to contact their local media, if applicable.

Section 3. Individual Sports

L. REGULATIONS TRACK AND FIELD

NATIONAL FEDERATION

All National Federation rules are official rules for all events.

P.I.A.A

All P.I.A.A. regulations apply to all events.

DISTRICT 10

Scheduled Meets:

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- The starting times for meets will follow those listed in the D-10 Handbook.
- All tri-meets will be scored as double dual meets.
- If schedule changes are necessary for school events, they should be in place prior to the start of the season whenever possible.
- In case of postponement or cancellation, it is the responsibility of the home team to notify the visiting team and officials/assignor a timely manner.

Home Team Responsibilities:

- The home team will report accurate meet results to the media (newspaper, television, etc.). However, all coaches are encouraged to contact their local media, if applicable.

Athletic Handbook

PART 3 General Policies:

Section 1. Entry Into District 10 Playoffs

DISTRICT 10 TOURNAMENTS.

Philosophy Preamble and Conditions of Entry

The District Ten 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 participating sports teams and individuals within the structure and format of all post - season tournament competition that has been recognized and approved through their elected and appointed members of the District Ten 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 TEN 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 PIAA 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.

Section 2. Opting out of playoffs.

- Every school has the right to opt out of the playoffs for each sport.
- Schools who decide to opt out must complete and submit the opt-out form to the tournament director, signed by the school's principal, athletic director and head coach by the deadline as established in the sport tournament information packet.
- The opt-out form is available on the district 10 web site and in the sport tournament packet.

Section 3. Number of Entries Into Team Sports: See the TEAM SPORTS BRACKETING RULES, QUALIFIERS, AND BRACKETS publication.

Appendix A: Area Representation (based on number of high schools)

CRAWFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS

6 Schools 1 Rep

CAMBRIDGE SPRINGS
COCHRANTON
CONNEAUT
MAPLEWOOD
MEADVILLE
SAEGERTOWN

ERIE COUNTY SCHOOLS

12 Schools 2 Reps

CORRY
FAIRVIEW
FORT LEOEUF
GENERAL MCLANE
GIRARD
HARBOR CREEK
HARBOR CREEK YOUTH SERVICES
IROQUOIS
NORTH EAST
NORTHWESTERN
SENECA
UNION CITY

ERIE METRO AREA SCHOOLS

6 Schools 1 Rep

CATHEDRAL PREP
ERIE HIGH SCHOOL
MCDOWELL
MERCYHURST PREP
VILLA MARIA
ERIE FIRST CHRISTIAN

MERCER COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS

17 Schools 2 Reps

COMMODORE PERRY
FARRELL
GEORGE JUNIOR REPUBLIC
GREENVILLE
GROVE CITY
HICKORY
JAMESTOWN
KENNEDY CATHOLIC
LAKEVIEW
MERCER
REYNOLDS
SHARON
SHARPSVILLE
WEST MIDDLESEX
SLIPPERY ROCK
WILMINGTON
LIVING WORD

VENANGO COUNTY SCHOOLS

5 Schools 1 Rep

FRANKLIN
OIL CITY
ROCKY GROVE
TITUSVILLE
VISION QUEST

WARREN/FOREST COUNTY SCHOOLS

5 Schools 1 Rep

YOUNGSVILLE
WARREN
EISENHOWER
TIDIOUTE CHARTER
WARREN CHRISTIAN