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District 10 NEWSLETTER

August 2019

PIAA District 10 conveys best wishes to all for the upcoming new School Year and Sports Season

PIAA Constitution and By-Law Changes for 2019-2020

2019-2020 PIAA Constitution Changes (changes in Red)

Section 2. Powers and Duties of Principal.

The Principal has the following powers and duties:

A. To have control over all interscholastic athletic relations in which the Principal's school participates.

B. To sanction all Contests in which the Principal's school participates, and to notify the Executive Director of PIAA, within ten days, if the Principal's school has entered a Contest which the Principal has not sanctioned.

C. To exclude any contestant who, because of violations of policies of the local School Board or Board having jurisdiction over the school, would not represent the Principal's school in a becoming manner, and also to exclude any contestant who has suffered serious illness or injury until that contestant is pronounced physically fit by the school's licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine, or if none is employed, by another licensed physician of medicine or osteopathic medicine.

D. To be responsible for the treatment of all visitors and officials attending Contests conducted by the Principal's school. Penalties may be imposed upon a PIAA member school whose Principal fails to provide reasonable protection for officials and visitors at home Contests. If a Contest is played at a neutral place, the Principals of the participating schools shall be held jointly responsible for this protection. In such a case, penalties may be imposed upon either or both of the schools.

E. To see that all contracts for Contests in which the Principal's school participates are in writing and bear the Principal's signature or, at the Principal's option, that of the Athletic Director.

F. To arrange for the appropriate number of PIAA-registered officials in good standing to officiate all regular season contests hosted by the Principal's school.

G. To authorize a full-time teacher of the Principal's public school district to be the Faculty Manager of the Team representing the school, unless the Principal acts as the Faculty Manager.

H. The Principal, or the Principal's authorized representative, must accompany the school's Teams to all Contests.

2019-2020 PIAA By-Law Changes (changes in Red)

Article III Section 8. Multi-Public School District Academic Arrangements.

A. Where students are enrolled in a public school in the public school district of their residence but, pursuant to an agreement between public school districts, attend some or all classes at a public school in another public school district, the student may be declared eligible by the District Committee for such sport(s) at either (1) a school in the public school district in which the school the student attends is geographically located or (2) at a school in the student's home public school district. The determination of eligibility shall be made by the District Committee upon its receipt of a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student desires to participate that said school will permit the student to participate on its interscholastic athletic Team(s) in such sport(s), and the determination by the District Committee that **the student has not transferred for an athletically motivated purpose or has been recruited.**

B. Students Placed by Court Order or as a Result of Disability.

A student who has been placed in a school either by court order or because the student is a Student With A Disability whose Individual Education Plan (IEP) has concluded that the student's educational needs could not be accommodated in the public school that the student would otherwise have attended, may be declared eligible by the District Committee for such sport(s) at either (1) a school in the public school district in which the school the student attends is geographically located or (2) at a school in the student's home public school district. The determination of eligibility shall be made by the District Committee upon its receipt of a written statement from the Principal of the school at which the student desires to participate that said school will permit the student to participate on its interscholastic athletic Team(s) in such sport(s), and the determination by the District Committee that **the student has not transferred for an athletically motivated purpose or has been recruited.**

Article VI Transfers

A. In-Season Transfers.

1. Because of the timing difficulties in expeditiously obtaining necessary paperwork, of confirming representations of eligibility, of determining whether such Transfers are opposed by any appropriate party, of promptly scheduling hearings to consider such matters, and to reduce the likelihood of participation by an ineligible student that would impact on competition and the opportunity to participate by other students, a student who Transfers after the student Practices with a school's Team shall be ineligible to participate in that sport in Contests for a period of 21 calendar days following enrollment at the student's new school. The student's eligibility shall thereafter be determined by Sections 3 or 4 of this ARTICLE, as applicable.

2. If a student in 10th, 11th, or 12th grade transfers before the student was eligible to participate in at least 50% of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests in that sport, the student is ineligible for participation in the postseason (District championships tournament and thereafter) in that same sport, for the current school year.

3. If a student transfers after the student was eligible to participate in at least 50% of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests in that sport, the student will be deemed to have

participated in an entire season and, following the transfer, will not be eligible for further participation in that sport for the current school year. **If said student is in the 10th or 11th grade then said student is ineligible for participation in the postseason in the (District championships tournament and thereafter) in that same sport of the subsequent school year.**

B. Out-of-Season Transfers

1. If a student transfers after participating in a sport in their 10th grade year, or thereafter, and following completion of such season, transfers to another school, said student is ineligible for participation in the postseason (District championships tournament and thereafter) in that same sport for the subsequent school year. The student, if otherwise eligible, may participate in that sport only during the regular season.

C. Waiver Provision of A and/or B. – District Committee may grant eligibility if certain situations are met.

A District Committee may waive this period of ineligibility upon demonstration by the student that the transfer was necessitated by exceptional and unusual circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the student's family. For purposes of this provision, the following reasons WILL be deemed sufficient to meet this standard:

- A change of residence necessitated by a change in employment;
- A school-initiated administrative transfer within a school district;
- A court ordered transfer;
- A change of schools caused by a military reassignment of a parent;
- A change of schools caused by release from a juvenile facility; and
- A demonstrable change in income or other financial resources that compels withdrawal from a school.

For purposes of this provision, the following reasons will NOT be deemed to meet this standard:

- A transfer for academic, developmental, spiritual and/or social reasons; and
- A change of residence resulting from a family separation, unless court approved.

All other tendered reasons will be considered by the District Committee on a case-by-case basis.

Section 3. Presumptive Eligibility.

Subject to Sections 5C and 6, of this ARTICLE, a transferring student is presumed to be eligible if the student meets one of the following provisions:

A. Natural Break Transfer.

Promotion from a junior high/middle school to a senior high school is considered a Transfer between schools. A student, who has made a Natural Break Transfer and who has not previously participated on a different senior high school Team in any sport, is presumptively eligible immediately for interscholastic athletics.

B. Administrative Transfer.

For administrative, non-disciplinary purposes, the student has been transferred by executive action initiated by school administrative personnel to a PIAA member school within the same public school district or, if previously enrolled at a Catholic school, within the same Archdiocese or Diocese, **or if enrolled in a private school within the same corporate organization.** An expulsion does not constitute an administrative Transfer under this subsection.

Section 5. Review of Eligibility.

A. Certification of Principals.

Notwithstanding Section 4 of this ARTICLE, a Regional Panel or District Committee, within their respective jurisdictions, may grant eligibility where the Principal of the PIAA member

school at which the student enrolls submits to the Regional Panel or District Committee a completed and properly executed PIAA Athletic Transfer Waiver Request Form, which includes:

1. A certification from the Principal of the PIAA member school to which the student transferred that (a) that school's Principal has interviewed the transferring student and the Director of Athletics for that Principal's school; (b) none of the twelve illustrations set forth in Section 5E or the thirteen illustrations set forth in Section 9B of this ARTICLE are applicable; (c) the information from the PIAA member school to which the student transferred, as set forth on the PIAA Athletic Transfer Waiver Request form, is true and correct; and (d) upon completion of the investigation, the PIAA member school's Principal believes that the Transfer was not materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose.
2. A certification from the Principal of the school from which the student transferred that (a) that school's Principal has interviewed the Director of Athletics for that Principal's school and, if possible, the transferring student; (b) none of the twelve illustrations set forth in Section 5E or the thirteen illustrations set forth in Section 9B of this ARTICLE are applicable; (c) the information from the school from which the student transferred, as set forth on the PIAA Athletic Transfer Waiver Request form, is true and correct; and (d) upon completion of the investigation, the school's Principal believes that the Transfer was not materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose.

B. Waiver of Ineligibility.

A student who is not otherwise presumptively eligible under Section 3 of this ARTICLE may, through the Principal of the school at which the student seeks eligibility, request that the **District Committee, waive the period of ineligibility in some or all sports. Said waiver shall not be granted unless the student demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that the transfer was not materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose relating to the sports for which eligibility is sought and that granting eligibility would not** otherwise circumvent the purpose of this ARTICLE of deterring Transfers which are materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose. If granted, eligibility is effective as of the date of Transfer.

ARTICLE XVI SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS

E. Open Gyms.

This activity, as defined in the Glossary, is to encourage participation in a sport. Open Gyms are limited to two hours per day and three days per calendar week outside the defined sport season during the school year.

Weight training and conditioning activities are not considered Open Gyms and may be held daily so long as they are voluntary and not compulsory.

Effective July 1, 2019: Within 10 days prior to the start of each sports season, no student enrolled at a PIAA member high school may participate in any team competition on a team on which all other players and at least one coach are also affiliated at that student's school.

ARTICLE XVII CERTIFICATION OF CONTESTANTS

Section 2. Information to be Furnished in Case of Dispute.

When the eligibility of a contestant is questioned, the Principal of the school in question shall furnish to the District Committee or to the Board of Directors all data required to establish the contestant's eligibility. The District Committee or the Board of Directors may require this information to be in the form of affidavits. A school which does not furnish **this** data shall be

denied **the opportunity to participate in post-season competition** and may be excluded from interscholastic Contests with members of PIAA.

ARTICLE XIX JUNIOR HIGH / MIDDLE SCHOOLS WRESTLING

7-8-9 A student is permitted to 2 22

wrestle up one weight classification above that for which the student's actual stripped weight qualifies that student to wrestle.

Junior High/Middle School weight classifications are:

80 lbs 115 lbs 155 lbs

87 lbs 122 lbs 170 lbs

94 lbs 130 lbs 190 lbs

101 lbs 138 lbs 210 lbs

108 lbs 145 lbs 250 lbs

Hand Book GLOSSARY

DATE OF TRANSFER: The earliest of (1) the first day the student practices with a Team at a new school; (2) the student attends a class at a new school; (3) the student, through the student's school, has requested a determination of eligibility at a new school and (4) the student enrolls or registers at a new school.

CONTRACT FOR OFFICIALS UNDER PIAA RULES

In the Forms Section of the PIAA Handbook is an official PIAA form entitled "Contract for Officials Under PIAA Rules." **PIAA member schools should enter into written (paper or electronic) contracts with the officials retained by the schools or assigned by an assignor to officiate regular season contests. Registered sports officials are independent contractors and therefore, are NOT employees of PIAA, the school, or the assignor.**

Recent Actions of the District 10 Committee

- Welcomed new member Steve Hoover as the Athletic Director's Rep.
- Approved as the 2019 Cross Country Venue
- Voted to **not approve** the use of the Cross Country Scoring Modification in District 10
- Approved St. Mikes (Greenville) Membership request
- Approved the Co-op Termination: Franklin Junior High and St. Pats. St. Pats no longer exists.

Junior High Boys: Soccer, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Track and Wrestling

Junior High Girls: Soccer, Cross Country, Track, Softball and Volleyball

- Approved the Co-op request: Iroquois (host) with Mercyhurst Prep and Erie First in Wrestling
- Approved the Co-op termination request: Rocky Grove and Venango Catholic in Basketball

- Approved Calvary Baptist withdrawal of PIAA membership (also negates co-op with Meadville in Jr. High Football)
- Took no action on a request to add District 10 championships for water polo
- Noted Sharon has suspended Girls Volleyball for the 2019-2020 season due to a lack of applicants for the head coaching position.
- Tabled a discussion of Championship Recognition procedures.
- Authorization of the Chairman and/or Executive Committee to act on eligibility cases in between Committee meeting dates.
- Chairman Iacino explained the ruling of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia that Officials are Properly Classified as Independent Contractors. This was as a result of PIAA appealing the decision of the NLRB.
- Discussion regarding another court case whereby a officials' settlement agreement was made between PIAA and officials. The settlement agreement cost will be shared by all PIAA Districts. The PIAA Board of Directors will decide how much each district pays.
- Approved the paying \$38,925.00 for District 10 Member School dues for 2019-2020
- Discussed that D10 is currently in a good financial position, having above usual financial success in the winter and spring tournaments 2019. It was noted that in 2017-2018 there was a deficit in 11 of 16 tournaments. In 2018-2019 a deficit occurred in 4 of 16 tournaments.
- Approved Barb Dzuricko named as the new Cross Country Tournament Director
- Approved Buhl Park as the venue for the 2019 Cross Country Tournament
- Approved Slippery Rock University as the venue for the 2020 Track Meet

District 10 Financials 2018-2019

Tournament Summaries

2018-2019 2018-2019 2018-2019

REVENUES

FALL CHAMPIONSHIPS	Income	Expenses	Net
Golf		\$2,819.15	(\$2,819.15)
Girls' Team Tennis	\$2,132.00	\$4,771.85	(\$2,639.85)
Cross Country	\$5,600.00	\$9,936.43	(\$4,336.43)
Girls' Volleyball	\$31,528.00	\$19,683.70	\$11,844.30
Fall Soccer	\$41,523.00	\$31,195.27	\$10,327.73
Football	\$86,702.00	\$58,630.99	\$28,071.01
Competitive Spirit	\$3,606.00	\$2,985.56	\$620.44
Individual Wrestling	\$48,759.00	\$30,158.63	\$18,600.37
Swimming & Diving	\$16,526.00	\$14,236.62	\$2,289.38
Basketball	\$154,487.00	\$69,094.58	\$85,392.42
Lacrosse	\$5,441.00	\$4,650.59	\$790.41
Boys' Tennis	\$1,416.00	\$5,117.43	(\$3,701.43)
Track & Field	\$22,510.00	\$17,232.60	\$5,277.40
Boys' Volleyball	\$9,150.00	\$5,499.41	\$3,650.59
Baseball	\$35,935.00	\$25,184.80	\$10,750.20
Softball	\$30,610.00	\$20,555.97	\$10,054.03
TOTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	\$495,925.00	\$321,753.58	\$174,171.42

3-year Profit and Loss Statement

	FYE 2019	FYE 2018	FYE 2017
REVENUES			
ADMINISTRATIVE			
Interest Income	\$2,622.39	\$2,916.24	\$3,835.19
Miscellaneous		\$86.25	
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TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$2,622.39	\$3,002.49	\$3,835.19
CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Girls' Team Tennis	\$2,132.00	\$2,540.00	\$1,995.00
Cross Country	\$5,600.00	\$6,095.00	\$6,105.00
Girls' Volleyball	\$31,528.00	\$20,580.00	\$18,635.00
Fall Soccer	\$41,523.00	\$29,900.00	\$34,590.00
Football	\$86,702.00	\$87,408.00	\$119,346.00
Competitive Spirit	\$3,606.00	\$4,115.00	\$4,640.00
Wrestling	\$48,759.00	\$41,575.00	\$40,740.00
Swimming & Diving	\$16,526.00	\$12,795.00	\$13,420.00
Basketball	\$154,487.00	\$106,757.00	\$116,427.00
Lacrosse	\$5,441.00	\$4,800.00	\$2,680.00
Boys' Tennis	\$1,416.00	\$1,345.00	\$1,720.00
Track & Field	\$22,510.00	\$19,510.00	\$17,710.00
Boys' Volleyball	\$9,150.00	\$6,180.00	\$7,710.00
Baseball	\$35,935.00	\$24,562.00	\$20,000.00
Softball	\$30,610.00	\$15,875.00	\$20,040.00
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TOTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	\$495,925.00	\$384,037.00	\$425,758.00
	FYE 2019	FYE 2018	FYE 2017
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TOTAL REVENUES	\$498,547.39	\$387,039.49	\$429,593.19
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	FYE 2019	FYE 2018	FYE 2017
EXPENSES			
ADMINISTRATIVE			
Miscellaneous	\$682.80	\$1,834.63	\$5,554.03
Office Supplies	\$1,551.44	\$1,203.16	\$600.84
Postage	\$350.00	\$236.50	\$337.10
Member Dues	\$37,050.00	\$39,500.00	\$38,725.00
Honorariums	\$27,250.00	\$26,950.00	\$21,942.00
Committee Meetings	\$4,507.40	\$5,390.15	\$5,133.78
Sub Committee Meetings		\$700.93	
Hearings	\$2,593.24	\$3,203.20	\$2,627.16
Officers Meetings	\$294.23	\$252.94	\$542.31
Annual Meeting	\$4,742.65	\$4,692.79	\$4,155.83
StartLogic	\$351.79	\$16.99	\$351.79
Lease	\$3,423.00	\$3,708.25	\$3,137.75
Steering Committees(fall, winter, Summer)	\$961.92	\$954.07	\$1,415.56
UBIT (tax on merchandize sold)	\$3,292.72	\$3,249.45	\$2,992.18
Audit	\$2,179.88	\$2,033.00	\$1,995.00
School In-service Program	\$1,057.40		\$8.28
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TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$90,288.47	\$93,926.06	\$89,518.61
CHAMPIONSHIPS			
Golf	\$2,819.15	\$2,949.08	\$2,688.61
Girls' Team Tennis	\$4,771.85	\$4,463.69	\$4,569.59
Cross Country	\$9,936.43	\$10,131.66	\$8,642.23
Girls' Volleyball	\$19,683.70	\$15,394.09	\$14,936.23
Fall Soccer	\$31,195.27	\$32,462.25	\$30,388.65
Football	\$58,630.99	\$63,128.06	\$71,495.91
Competitive Spirit	\$2,985.56	\$3,914.11	\$3,680.50
Wrestling	\$30,158.63	\$31,043.13	\$30,949.54
Swimming & Diving	\$14,236.62	\$13,554.54	\$13,575.79
Basketball	\$69,094.58	\$63,760.15	\$63,751.56
Lacrosse	\$4,650.59	\$6,334.95	\$4,593.43
Boys' Tennis	\$5,117.43	\$4,290.00	\$4,640.36
Track & Field	\$17,232.60	\$18,424.44	\$19,307.29
Boys' Volleyball	\$5,499.41	\$6,886.11	\$6,483.30
Baseball	\$25,184.80	\$25,593.50	\$20,331.11
Softball	\$20,555.97	\$16,788.87	\$16,590.21
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TOTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS	\$321,753.58	\$319,118.63	\$316,624.31

OFFICIALS			
Convention	\$1,170.44	\$397.48	\$781.64
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TOTAL OFFICIALS	\$1,170.44	\$397.48	\$781.64
PRODUCTS and PUBLICATIONS			
Sportsmanship Products	\$654.00	\$1,090.00	\$1,646.32
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TOTAL PRODUCTS AND PUBLICATIONS	\$654.00	\$1,090.00	\$1,646.32
BUDGETARY RESERVE			
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TOTAL BUDGET RESERVE			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$413,866.49	\$414,532.17	\$408,570.88
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EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENSES)	\$84,680.90	(\$27,492.68)	\$21,022.31