



FOOTBALL H A N D B O O K  
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## D1 FOOTBALL PLAYOFF - GENERAL INFORMATION

### SEED MEETING:

Sunday, October 31, 2021 @ 10:00 am via Zoom

Meeting for all Football Committee Members along with teams qualifying for the playoffs in all classifications. Seed Meeting is an open meeting – any visitor should be identified.

### HOST ATHLETIC DIRECTORS MEETING:

Monday, November 1, 2021 – 10am via Zoom. - Meeting is for all ADs hosting playoff games. Tickets and game balls will be distributed. Playoff Handbook will be discussed.

### ADMISSION AND TICKET POLICIES

**GENERAL ADMISSION: \$5.00** - Elementary School aged to Adult

**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME ADMISSION: \$5.00** - Elementary School aged to Adult

No one will be admitted without a ticket except team personnel (admitted by coach) and cheerleaders. Each participating school will be permitted to admit members of the team, free-of-charge. The members of the team that are to be admitted free-of-charge must be identified to site security by the head coach, Athletic Director, or Principal. The Cheerleading party (who will be in uniform), including mascot and advisor shall be admitted to the game free-of-charge, in one (1) group.

**CONTEST SCOUTS/COLLEGE RECRUITERS:** At no time shall high school or college scouts and/or college recruiters be permitted in the press box, nor will they be admitted free-of-charge to the contest. High school and college scouts and/or college recruiters will be required to purchase tickets for admission to any contest.

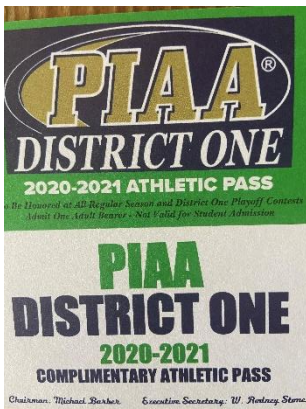
**MEDIA:** All media with proper identification will be admitted free. It will be the media's responsibility to contact the game manager for any further arrangements.

**TICKET PRE-SALE:** all ticket pre-sales need to be approved by the District One Office. Visiting Schools must be made aware of the pre-sale and must be afforded an appropriate amount of tickets. In the event of a possible sell-out, the host school shall do its best to communicate with the press and general public to help avoid any security concerns.

**COMP TICKETS:** Each school will be allotted 10 Complimentary Tickets for administration and assigned school personnel to assist in governing their respective student body while their team participates. Schools should provide a list, or provide their own comp tickets.

The host school should be notified of all comp tickets characteristics before the contest.

**PASSES:** Only District-One Committee and Steering Committee Passes are accepted. No league, coach, or officials passes will be honored at District-One Playoff Games.



## DISTRICT I FOOTBALL - PLAYOFF FORMAT 2021

**1A** – (4 D1 Teams) District 1 is a Region unto itself. 2 D1 Teams will qualify for the District One playoffs. Winner will advance to the PIAA Playoffs and play the District 2 representative.

**2A** – (0 D1 Teams)

**3A** – (1 D1 Teams / 8 DXI Team) Teams will make up a Sub-Region with District XI. D1 Teams will use DXI ranking system to qualify for the Regional playoffs. Regional winner will advance to the PIAA Playoffs.

**4A** – (8 D1 Teams) District 1 is a Region unto itself. 4 D1 Teams will qualify for the playoffs. One team will advance to the PIAA Playoffs.

**5A** – (25 D1 Teams) District 1 is a Region unto itself. 16 D1 Teams will qualify for the playoffs. One team will advance to the PIAA Playoffs.

**6A** – (32 D1 Teams) District 1 is a Region unto itself. 16 D1 Teams will qualify for the playoffs. One team will advance to the PIAA Playoffs.

**PLAYOFF SCHEDULE / DATES:** Requests to play on different dates, or to adjust game times must be agreed upon by the opponent and then approved in advance by the Football Chair and the District-One Office. It is expected that any postponed contest be played the next available date.

### 2021 District One Dates

### 2021 PIAA Championships - Hershev, PA

**RECOMMENDED GAME TIMES:** Friday – 7:00 pm / Saturday – 1:00 pm / 7:00pm

**CONDITIONS DETERMINING HOME FIELD:** The District Committee has approved the home field advantage to top seeded teams throughout the entire District One Playoffs.

**GAME BALL:** Teams will use the PIAA approved **Wilson GST** game ball. Game Balls must be approved by the officials prior to the contest. Each school will be required to use their own PIAA approved ball for their own free kick or offensive snap. Each school will be responsible for providing two (2) ball holders, twelve (12) years of age or older, with a sufficient supply of drying towels for use by the crew of officials working the contest, first round to final, inclusive.

**HOME TEAM/UNIFORMS:** During the District One Playoffs, the highest ranked team will be the Home Team throughout the playoffs and shall wear Dark Colored Jerseys. The lower ranked team will be the Visiting Team and shall wear White Jerseys. Any change to this designation shall be approved by the Football Chair and District One Office in cooperation with both schools.

**BANDS:** All band members in uniform of both schools will be admitted free and will be designated a section of the stands by the game manager. No joint junior/middle school and senior high bands will be permitted. All non-uniformed members in the band must be made known to the game manager to reserve sufficient space.

Schools bands are prohibited from performing at PIAA District and Inter-District Football Championship Contests whenever the opposing schools' football Teams are in a scrimmage or scrimmage kick formation. School Administrators are requested to inform the Band Director of the School's Band concerning the schedule, procedures, and policies described above. Weather permitting, the Home team's Band will perform pre-game. Visitor's Band will perform at half-time.

**EXCHANGE OF GAME FILM:** All schools and/or their representatives will be required and come prepared to exchange their ten (10) game films and/or games on HUDL with their opposing school. Coaches of the opponent schools will be permitted to select THREE (3) game films of their choice unless extenuating circumstances exist. This process will continue throughout the District One Football playoffs. If disputes or disagreement occur, the Athletic Director can request the District One Chairperson to review the matter provided that the Athletic Director contacts the District One Chairperson a minimum of Five (5) days prior to the date of the game.

**PIAA GAME OFFICIALS:** PIAA Officials assignments are determined by District-One Assignors.

- Seven (7) Assigned PIAA Game Officials.
- Schools are asked to use their own “chain-crew”. Requests may be made to have D1 assign a crew.
- Official’s names will be sent to host school Athletic Director via email or the District-One Arbiter Account.
- Home Team will provide official clock operator for each contest. No official will be assigned to the clock operator.
- District-One will pay all officials after the tournament.
- Home facility must provide a private and secure location for PIAA Game Officials. Security should be provided for all officials until they depart the facility.

**EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE:** It is recommended that a physician and/or an ambulance be on site or on call by the home team for emergency medical care. Medical Care providers should be available at game site prior to during and following the game until all players have entered the locker room and spectators have left the stadium. Both Home and Visiting Teams should provide their own Certified Athletic Trainer for emergency health care. The host school and/or PIAA reserve the right to charge a school for any training supplies that were supplied by the host school or that were used by the school.

**PHOTOGRAPHS – GAME FILMS:** A maximum of two (2) individuals from each competing school will be provided access to the Team Coach’s Press Box to film the contest. Such persons must be identified by the head coach, or school Athletic Director to the Host Game Manager. It is recommended that the visiting schools contact the host Athletic Director in advance to identify individuals who have been designated to film, tape or photograph the game.

**CONCESSIONS:** The host school or organization shall be responsible for the operation of the concession stand and shall retain all profit. - No Solicitation, 50/50 Lotteries or Similar Type Lotteries.

**PRE-GAME / GAME SCHEDULE:****1:00 Kick-Off****7:00 Kick-Off**

11am	Team Locker Rooms Available		5:00	Team Locker Rooms Available
11:30	Admit Spectators		5:30	Admit Spectators
11:30-12:30	Team Warm Ups		5:30-6:30	Team Warm Ups
12:30	Pre-Game Meeting / Coin Flip Scoreboard End Zone (Game Manager, AD, Head Coaches, Captains, Officials)		6:30	Pre-Game Meeting / Coin Flip Scoreboard End Zone (Game Manager, AD, Head Coaches, Captains, Officials)
12:30-12:45	Home Band Performs		6:30-6:45	Home Band Performs
12:50	Teams Return to Field Introductions		6:50	Teams Return to Field Introductions
12:55	Captains at Midfield		6:55	Captains at Midfield
12:57	National Anthem (Home Band)		6:57	National Anthem (Home Band)
1:00	Kick-Off		7:00	Kick-Off

**HALF-TIME: Fifteen (15) minutes.** VISITING team band to present half-time show. Teams commence mandatory warm-up activity at conclusion of half-time show, after band departs playing field.

**PLAYER INTRODUCTIONS (OPTIONAL):** Eleven (11) players from each school will be introduced. Schools have the option of either starting offensive or defensive team. Team spotter should save this information and give to the announcer 10 minutes prior to game time. Each school will designate a spotter to work in conjunction with the game announcer.

**OVERTIME PROCEDURES:** By PIAA Board of Directors adoption, at the end of the fourth period, if the teams have identical scores, the tie shall be resolved in accordance with *RESOLVING TIED GAMES*, as set forth on pages 84 and 85; and *RESOLVING TIED GAMES INTERPRETATIONS*, as set forth on pages 85-86 of the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Book. (Pg. 33) [PIAA Rules and Regulations](#)

**35-POINT DIFFERENTIAL - RUNNING CLOCK RULE:** By PIAA Board of Directors adoption, upon the completion of the first half and when one team gains a 35-point differential over its opponent, the clock shall be stopped only when an official's time-out is taken, a charged time-out is granted, a period ends, or a score occurs.

**TROPHIES and MEDALS:** District One Team Champion will receive a trophy. Team Champion and Runner-Up will receive medals for coaches and players. Additional medals may be ordered through the District-One Office. Teams that win their Regional Final will be awarded a D1 Trophy and Team Medals.

# **DISTRICT ONE GAME PROCEDURES and RESPONSIBILITIES**

## **SITE MANAGER:**

The site manager is that person employed by the school district in which the contest is played. It is his/her responsibility to do the following:

- Conduct a preliminary discussion with the game manager on the matters pertaining to hosting the contest.
- Greet Visiting Team and game officials and show them to their locker-room.
- Assign the following game personnel as needed that have been approved by the District One Committee:
  - Scoreboard /Clock operator
  - Announcer
  - Ticket sellers / takers
  - School supervisor / Security
  - Certified athletic trainer / appropriate emergency medical care.
- Conduct a pre-game check to determine that all assigned personnel are present
- Inform both teams of the pre-game schedule.
- Remind game officials, coaches and school administration of the location and time of the coin-flip / pregame meeting.
- Review with security personnel PIAA regulations regarding spectator decorum; and know where school administration is located prior to the start of the game in case of emergency.
- Provide emergency medical assistance in the form of either a doctor, nurse, athletic trainer, ambulance, etc. as the circumstances warrant.
- Comply with the standard game management fee schedule that has been approved by the District One Committee for playoffs.

## **GAME MANAGER:**

The game manager assumes a role with the authority delegated by the PIAA District One Committee.

- The Game Manager should contact the visiting school Principal/Athletic Director to confirm date and time of game. Pre-Game time schedule and bus arrival times should also be discussed. Team rosters should be sent in advance.
- Be sure to have cell # for visiting team Athletic Director.
- The Game and Site Managers should determine the maximum seating capacity of the stadium and arrange a monitoring system that prevents sales beyond that number.
- Game Managers should meet with game officials, school supervisors, band directors and cheerleading coaches prior to the game to discuss game procedures.
- Proper security and exit procedures must be discussed with game officials prior to the contest.
- Provide a secure and private changing location for Game Officials, away from teams and spectators.
- Pre-Game Meeting: 30 minutes before kick-off.
  - Meet with coaches and game officials to discuss game security and game management procedures.
    - Game officials will be in charge of the game on the field
    - School administrators are responsible for the behavior of their students and spectators.
    - All school supervisors should be visible and available throughout the contest.
    - Coaches will have full responsibility of their athletes on the bench.
    - In case of a disturbance on the field, each coach is responsible to keep his or her team on the bench.
    - Cheerleading coaches should understand the PIAA restrictions on cheerleading activities and the restrictive cheerleading rule (attached below)

**REPORT SCORES TO:**

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**CONTEST FINANCIAL GAME REPORTS:** Complete one financial game report for the contest (s) played. Reports are available on the [District One website](#)

**HOME GAME BUDGET:** TBD by the Game Manager and the D-1 Office

**NEUTRAL SITE BUDGET:** TBD by the Host Game Manager and D-1 Office

Be certain that the following information is completed on each financial form:

- Game number (located on each D-1 Bracket)
- Date of game
- Officials' information - must be legible: Name and Social Security Number
- Name and Signature of game manager
- Proper bookkeeping of all tickets sold
- Names, Signatures and SS numbers of all persons to be compensated for game site tasks
  - Amounts over \$100 must be paid by check
  - Game Managers are allowed to be paid cash amounts under \$100
- If applicable: List Additional Expenses – ie: Security / Police with estimated amounts.
- Collect checks from Radio and/or Cable TV Stations. Checks from the stations should be made payable to: DISTRICT ONE PIAA and presented to the site game manager prior to the Start of the game. (See Electronic Media Policy)

The amount of money must coincide with the amount of the financial report. All cash receipts after payment to workers must be deposited in the local branch of Citizen's Bank within 24-48 hours after the contest.

**CITIZENS BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER  
#6213187409 – MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT.**

Any game site expenses that go beyond the maximum allocation approved by the District One Committee will be the responsibility of the host school.

Complete the financial report for the game, using District One forms and submit to:

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**[Electronic Media Information Policy](#)**

**DISTRICT ONE MEMBER SCHOOL SPONSORED / OWNED  
TV, RADIO OR WEB ORGANIZATION**

**DISTRICT ONE POLICY:**

- Live Radio/Audio Stream – no fee
- **Live TV / Webcast – 25% of live broadcast fee**

PIAA POLICY = 50% DISCOUNT for all school broadcast permissions

**FOOTBALL**

<b>LIVE Commercial Radio / Audio Streaming</b>	
<b>1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A</b>	<b>5A and 6A</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Rd - \$100	1 <sup>st</sup> Rd - \$175
Quarterfinals - \$150	Quarterfinals - \$225
Semifinals - \$200	Semifinals - \$275
Final - \$250	Final - \$325

<b>LIVE Commercial Cable TV Broadcast / Live Webcasting</b>	
<b>1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A</b>	<b>5A and 6A</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Rd - \$300	1 <sup>st</sup> Rd - \$500
Quarterfinals - \$450	Quarterfinals - \$850
Semifinals - \$650	Semifinals - \$1200
Final - \$1000	Final - \$2500

**SPORTSMANSHIP and ADDITIONAL POLICIES**

District One Playoff games are conducted under the jurisdiction of the District One Committee. The District Committee is firm in its desire that good conduct and sportsmanlike behavior shall be required in this series of games. Each member school participating has the responsibility of control of their students and spectators.

In all games conducted under the jurisdiction of the PIAA and District Committee, the following rules are to be enforced:

- No Banners, pictures or hand held signs carried into the contest
  - Signs / Banners promoting school spirit may be suspended to team bleachers.
  - Approval from school administration is required
- No 50/50s or Lotteries
- No Throwing of confetti, toilet paper rolls or other objects in the stands or field
- No artificial noise makers, whistles or portable listening devices
- No provocative antics or stunts by spectators or cheerleaders
- No menacing actions or gestures by groups towards opposing players or officials.
- Unsportsmanlike and illegal actions by coaches and players.
- Spectators are prohibited from removing their shirts and/or using body paint.



The following is recommended to each participating school:

- Publicize and stress these standards of conduct to faculty managers, cheerleaders, boosters' groups and student bodies.
- Request local papers to urge upon the public the necessity of conduct of which neither the school nor the community would be ashamed. Good sportsmanship means cheering FOR your team, not AGAINST your opponent.

### **SUGGESTIONS: REGARDING CONTROL OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS**

It is strongly suggested by the District Committee that a supervisor be assigned for at least every 200 tickets sold by the participating schools. This suggestion is made because it is believed that Faculty, well-respected parents or community leaders will serve and assist in setting a better decor and climate at closely contested games.

**OUTDOOR EVENTS: SPECTATOR DECORUM** - The presence and/or the use of balloons, whistles, and/or portable listening devices (without earphones) are PROHIBITED! Persons using such items may be removed from the Contest. The use of pom-poms by cheerleaders and small portable listening devices with earphones is permitted. Spectators are prohibited from removing their shirts and/or using body paint while in attendance at District and Inter-District Championship Contests and may be removed from the Contest for doing so. Principals and Athletic Directors shall inform and publicize these regulations to students. The failure of a school to so inform or publicize will not, however, prevent removal from the Contest for violations of this policy. The Principal, Athletic Director, Coaches, team physician, team trainer, players in uniform, managers, ball holders, and statisticians are the only persons permitted in the team box.

**PUBLIC ADDRESS PROTOCOL** The public address announcer is considered a bench official for all PIAA District and Inter-District Contests. He/she shall maintain complete neutrality at all times and, as such, shall not be a "cheerleader" for any Team. The announcer will follow the PIAA script for promotional announcements, player introduction and awards ceremonies. These scripts may be obtained from PIAA headquarters. Other announcements are limited to:

- those of an emergency nature (e.g., paging a doctor, lost child or parent, etc.);
- those of a "practical" nature (e.g., announcing that a driver has left his/her vehicle lights on);
- Starting lineups or entire lineups of both participating Teams (what is announced for the home Team must be announced for the visiting Team); and
- Announcements that the PIAA souvenir merchandise, souvenir programs and concessions are on sale in the facility. 73 During the Contest, the announcer should:
  - Recognize players about to attempt a play (e.g., coming up to bat in baseball, punting, kicking or receiving a kick or punt in football, serving in volleyball, etc.);
  - Recognize a player for making a play (e.g., "basket by Jones" in basketball, "Smith on the kill" in volleyball);
  - Report a penalty as signaled by the referee/official;
  - Report substitutions and time-outs;
  - NOT call the "play-by-play" or provide "color commentary" as if he/she were announcing for a radio or television broadcast;
  - NOT make any comment that would offer either Team an unfair advantage in the Contest; and
  - NOT make any comments critical of any school, Team, player, Coach or official, nor make any other comment that has the potential to incite unsporting conduct on the part of any individual. The announcer should be certain of the accuracy of his/her statements before making them. When in doubt, the

announcer should remain silent.

## **PIAA RESTRICTIONS ON CHEERLEADING ACTIVITIES**

The PIAA Board of Directors does not permit cheerleaders to perform dangerous activities at PIAA interscholastic athletic events. In an effort to eliminate or minimize injury to cheerleaders, the following shall be in effect for all PIAA district, PIAA inter-district, PIAA regional and PIAA final athletic events.

- No cheerleader shall stand on another person unless that other person has at least (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.

## **POLICY RESTRICTING THE PERFORMANCE OF SCHOOLS' BANDS AT REGULAR SEASON FOOTBALL CONTESTS AND AT PIAA DISTRICT AND INTER-DISTRICT FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS:**

Schools' bands are prohibited from performing at regular season football contests and at PIAA District and Inter-District Football Championship contests whenever the opposing schools' football teams are in either a scrimmage formation or a scrimmage kick formation. PRINCIPALS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE BAND DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL'S BAND CONCERNING THE COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION PROCEDURES, PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE, AND POLICY DESCRIBED ABOVE

**SUPERVISION:** Principals, athletic directors and coaches are responsible for supervising members of their teams at all times, both away from and at the game site. Misconduct by players, team personnel, coaches and/or other persons affiliated with the team will not be tolerated. Persons who engage in unacceptable behavior are subject to expulsion from the game site and disqualified from the District 1 playoffs game by the Game Manager. The principal and the athletic director of each participating school, along with the Game Manager, and security are responsible for crowd control as it pertains to their school and Fans.

## **POSTGAME POLICY REGARDING SPECTATORS ENTERING THE COMPETITION SURFACE:**

PIAA member schools are responsible for the treatment of all visitors and officials attending contests conducted by their school. Access to competition areas should be limited to participating student-athletes, coaches, officials, and game personnel. For the safety of participants and spectators alike, at no time before, during or after a contest should spectators be permitted to enter the competition area prior to the teams and contest officials leaving the competition area

**USE OF DRONES POLICY:** For the purposes of this policy, a drone is any unmanned aerial device ("UAV"). Drones are not permitted above the competition surface or spectator areas during interscholastic Contests, Inter-school Practices and Scrimmages. Drones may not be used to scout opposing team Practices. Member schools may utilize drones for their own school team practice sessions based upon their local school policies. Persons and/or schools violating this Policy shall be subject to sanctions which may be imposed under Sections 5, 6, 7 and/or 9 of ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, of the PIAA By-Laws. Upon timely requests submitted to PIAA, the Executive Director is authorized to grant exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis for PIAA broadcast partners in conjunction with any host school/facility local policies.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE:** If property damage is done at a playoff site by competing schools, student body and spectators, to physical facilities and/or equipment, the school itself (that caused the damage) shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. Other damages to facilities not attributed to competing schools should be reported to the District One Office with an estimate of the costs.

**POLICY RELATING TO INCLEMENT WEATHER DURING DISTRICT AND/OR INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT:**

The **decision whether to postpone a Contest** during a PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship Tournament, prior to the start of such Contest, is the responsibility of the PIAA District-Appointed Contest Manager, in consultation with the PIAA District Tournament Director, or the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager, in consultation with the PIAA Tournament Director, within their respective jurisdictions. Once a Contest begins, said decision is the responsibility of the Contest Official(s). In **considering whether a postponement is appropriate**, Contest Managers, in consultation with the applicable Tournament Director, shall give priority consideration to the travel conditions and the health and safety of the participants, Contest Officials, and spectators. Contest Managers shall consider requests made by school officials. They may also weigh available reports and information from other sources regarding road and weather conditions and/or forecasts; and shall take into account the consequences of postponement, such as the availability of dates and sites for make-up Contests.

Where a **decision is made not to postpone a Contest**, the failure of a school to participate in such Contest shall constitute an automatic forfeit.

- Time permitting; a school may appeal the imposition of forfeiture. For a forfeiture occurring during a District Tournament, said appeal shall be submitted to, and resolved by, the applicable District Chairman, or that District Chairman's designee. For a forfeiture occurring during the Inter-District Championship Tournament, said appeal shall be submitted to, and resolved by, the PIAA Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee.
- Appeals will be considered only if they can be resolved in sufficient time to reasonably permit rescheduling of the Contest. An appeal may be denied solely on the basis that scheduling a make-up Contest is not reasonably feasible. The decision may not be further appealed.
- If there does exist time to schedule a make-up Contest, the applicable District Chairman, or that District Chairman's designee, or the Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee, within their respective jurisdictions, shall have discretion to grant relief upon consideration of the following factors:
- 1. Whether a request was timely made by the school to postpone the Contest; 2. whether the appeal was timely presented by the school; 3. whether road and weather conditions were, or were expected to become, extremely hazardous; 4. whether most other schools did participate in Contests in the same area on the same Contest date; 5. whether there were any unique or unusually dangerous conditions relating to the appellant school; 6. whether the appellant school, in making its decision, relied on information not available to the Contest Manager; and 7. the impact on the opponent and other participants in the Tournament of rescheduling the Contest.

**POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF EYE SHADE:** The use of eye shade must be worn as a single, solid stroke under the eye. There shall be no numbers, words, logos, symbols or other detail located in the eye shade. The eye shade shall not extend below the cheek bone and extend no further than the width of the eye socket. Players having eye shade that does not meet the standard are to remove it or comply with the PIAA interpretation before participation in the game. If the players do not comply, the officials may impose unsportsmanlike conduct type penalties as determined by their respective rules code.

**DESIGNATION OF LOCKER ROOM FACILITIES, BENCH, HOME/VISITORS SEATING, and BAND SEATING SECTION:** The PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager shall designate the location of each team's locker room facilities, team bench, home/visitors seating, and band seating. Where possible, a section of the stadium behind the designated home team bench will be designated as seating for the home team's spectators, and a section of the stadium behind the designated visiting team's bench will be designated as seating for the visiting team's spectators. Contestants are requested to bring their own locks for use in the designated locker rooms. It is recommended that all articles of value such as money, rings, watches, etc. are not left in the locker room at any time, but are collected by and remain in the possession of a responsible adult

designated by each participating school. PIAA and/or the host facility are not responsible for any lost or stolen articles.

**TEAM COACHES' PRESS BOX/HEADPHONE SYSTEMS:** Two (2) spotter locations for two (2) coaches of each team will be made available to each school, where possible, and at the discretion of the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager. Headphone systems will be the responsibility of each team and, accordingly, will not be provided by contest management or by host facilities. Schools are responsible for providing their own headphone systems for all PIAA Football Championships Contests, first round to final, inclusive

#### **SPECTATOR AND TEAM BOX DECORUM**

The presence and/or the use of balloons, 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 cheerleaders and/or the spectators from their school and community. The use of pom-poms by cheerleaders and small portable listening devices with earphones is permitted. **Spectators are prohibited from removing their shirts and/or using body paint while in attendance at District and Inter-District Championship Contests. Principals and Athletic Directors of competing schools shall announce and publicize these regulations.** The principal, athletic director, coaches, team physician, team trainer, players in uniform, managers, ball holders, and statisticians will be the only persons permitted in the team box. It is recommended, those persons not in uniform display a school issued sideline pass.

**RESTRICTIVE COACHING RULE:** A non-player shall not be outside his team box unless to become a player or to return as a replaced player. A maximum of three (3) coaches may be in the restricted area. No player, non-player, or coach shall be in the restricted area when the ball is live. PENALTY: First offense - warning; Second offense – 5 yards; each subsequent offense - 15 yards.

**RESTRICTION ON USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS:** PIAA Board of Directors' policy prohibits the use of tobacco products by participating and nonparticipating team personnel, including coaches, during any contest at any level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition. The use of tobacco products in the team box, in the locker rooms, and on the competition surface, is prohibited. In addition, the use of tobacco products by spectators is prohibited inside facilities that are designated "TOBACCO FREE"!

**PRACTICE/PRE-CONTEST AND END OF HALFTIME WARM-UPS:** Weather permitting, teams may begin their pre-contest warm-ups a maximum of ninety (90) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest and must conclude their pre-contest warm-ups a minimum of thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest. During pre-contest and end of halftime warm-ups, the teams are restricted to the ends of the field between the respective 45-yard lines and the end lines. In addition, the ten-yard area ("buffer zone") between the 45-yard lines may not be occupied and/or used for warm-up purposes by players, coaches, managers, and any other non-playing personnel from either team. The PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager shall designate the end of the field for each team's warm-up area.