



**2021 PIAA DISTRICT ONE ANNUAL SPRING MEETING**  
**April 13, 2022 – 9am via Zoom**

Chairman Michael Barber called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

Dr. Barber welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

Dr. Barber Introduced all Members of the PIAA District 1 Committee.

Executive Secretary Rod Stone and Assistant Executive Secretary Sean Kelly expressed sincere thanks to all the principals, athletic administrators, coaches, parents, and students who have made the past seasons successful. They both also expressed thanks to PIAA D1 Chair Michael Barber for his leadership.

Mr. Kelly announced the opening nominations for the PIAA D1 Chair, Vice Chair, and Advisory Positions. Anyone interested in being nominated for these positions should contact the District One Office.

The PIAA Executive Saff present at the meeting were Mark Byers, Melissa Mertz, and Jennifer Grassel. They presented the PIAA Talking Points presented below.

**PIAA District Committees – Annual Spring Meetings – Talking Points**

1. Thank you for all of your efforts this year. Appreciate your willingness to host inter-district contests and support your Association.
2. Beginning in Fall of 2022-23 mandatory **preseason practice days** has changed to 10 days. 5 days before 1<sup>st</sup> scrimmage – scrimmages may be held throughout the regular sport season. 10 days before 1<sup>st</sup> contest – start date is on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Golf and Tennis - start on heat acclimatization week with respective start dates, Thursday, and Monday.

***NOTE: The official 1<sup>st</sup> practice date for Girls Tennis is being reviewed and confirmed. Update and confirmation will be sent to member schools in the next few weeks.***

Football Specific - No change for Football 5 days of heat acclimatization.

1<sup>st</sup> scrimmage after 10 days of practice no earlier than 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday.

Week “0” – third Friday after start of heat acclimatization.

Junior high football may start on first fall practice day and must have 3 weeks to start.

3. **Football uniform reminder** – the jersey of the home team shall be a dark color that clearly contrasts to white. Effective 2024 the entire body of the number shall be a single solid color that contrasts with the body color of the jersey.
4. **Competition formula – Football** identified 5 schools to move up in class. 3 schools won their appeal to Board and 2 schools moved up one classification. May be some changes to formula that may include all team sports; will be discussed further by the Board of Directors. **Basketball** classifications will be identified at the May PIAA BOD meeting.

5. **Fall championship sites – RFP – 4-year commitment**

Girls and Boys Golf; Individual and Team; Penn State Golf Courses

Girls Tennis; Team & Individual; Hershey Racquet Club; October 28-29; November 4-5

Girls & Boys Cross Country; Parkview Cross Country Course; Hershey; November 5

**Fall Sports Festival – same weekend – 3 sports**

Girls' Volleyball; Cumberland Valley HS; November 19

Field Hockey; Cumberland Valley HS; November 19

Boys and Girls Soccer; Cumberland Valley HS; November 18 & 19

Football; Cumberland Valley HS; December 8, 9 & 10

**RFPs for Spring Sports** in May, including RFPs for web streaming and broadcasting.

6. **Number of PIAA qualifiers and pairings** – 2<sup>nd</sup> reading – all sports; 3<sup>rd</sup> reading in May.
7. **Basketball shot clock** – survey been sent to all member schools and registered basketball officials; has been discussion with steering committee; items of discussion were - cost of equipment; levels of play; time of play; timing of implementation; training of operators & cost; scoring table space, if accepted proposed for the 2024-25 school year.
8. **Celebration of Title IX – 50 years and 100<sup>th</sup> year of basketball** at this year's basketball championships; will continue recognizing pioneers of Title IX throughout the remainder of the spring and fall sports seasons of 2022.
9. **Girls wrestling** – approved as an emerging sport by the Board. 565 girls in OPC; had 288 girls wrestle in girls' state championship tournament in March.
10. **Name, Image & Likeness** – PA has state law SB 381 to address this with college student athletes only. Board will discuss in July and watching the experiences in the states of NY, NJ and OH (voting in May) since they adopted an NIL policy earlier this year.
11. **ARTICLE VI TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE, AND RECRUITING, C. Post Season Ineligibility Waiver Provision** - Eligibility can be achieved for the Post-Season if certain requirements are met.

All requests for waivers to be considered must be submitted no later than thirty-(30)-days prior to the beginning of a PIAA District's postseason tournament for the sport in question, no exceptions. PIAA Districts may expand this time requirement to an earlier time. Appeals of District Committee decisions must be made to the Executive Director no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the start of the District Tournament.

## 12. Transfers – Post Season Ban

*Postseason Eligibility – schools need to complete post-season eligibility request form in addition to the transfer waiver request form if appropriate.*

- a. If a student in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade transfers before the student was eligible to participate in either (1) at least 50% of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests, or (2) at least 50% of the total number of games on the student's previous team's schedule 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.
- b. If a student in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade transfers after the student was eligible to participate in either (1) at least 50% of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests, or (2) at least 50% of the total number of games on the student's previous team's schedule in that sport, the student will be deemed to have participated in an entire season and, following the transfer, is ineligible for further participation in that sport for the current school year, including post-season for this year only.
- c. If a student in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade transfers after the student was eligible to participate in either (1) at least 75% of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests, or (2) at least 75% of the total number of games on the student's previous team's schedule in that sport, the student will be deemed to have participated in an entire season and, following the transfer, is ineligible for further participation in that sport for the current school year, and is further ineligible for participation in the post-season (District championships tournament and thereafter in that same sport), of the subsequent school year.

## 13. Updated Glossary definitions:

**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 and is no longer in attendance at their previous school.

**OPEN GYM:** An event/activity whereby a PIAA-member school makes available the use of its gymnasium(s) and/or other athletic facilities to all students enrolled in their **school district** and are no longer in attendance at their previous school.

**PRACTICE:** An Athletic Event within the defined season established for each sport, involving one PIAA member school at which no other school is present.

14. **Electronic Ticketing** – assistance at sites; ease of ordering; monitoring sales; audit and accounting safety – no cash.
15. **Sports Officials’ Appreciation weeks** – great success – thank you very much. Need to keep up recruiting efforts; assistance with scheduling may be of assistance.
16. This spring only - Baseball/Softball Contests – sub-varsity level may be played as scrimmage if assignor confirms to schools no umpires available.
17. **Track & Field Championships** – back to a 2-day event with some timed finals for distance events; Registration is Thursday – outside – no Thursday practice - facilities will be closed. Updates on housing will be sent in the upcoming weeks.
18. **Student Leadership Summit** – July 18-20, Indianapolis, IN – 8 students needed – 4G & 4B. Applications should be sent to Melissa Mertz in the PIAA office.

Dr. Barber, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Kelly addressed these additional topics

- Discussion continues at the state level seeking information and strategies addressing participation in Club Sports vs. Interscholastic School Sports.
- All administrators should be clear on the Supplemental Disqualification Requirements as presented in the PIAA By-Laws and Constitution.
  - NHFS course completion is required for students and coaches who receive a supplemental disqualification.
- All school officials are reminded that Game Contracts are required for all contests.
- The PIAA D1 Operations Sub-Committee is working toward a proposal to increase PIAA D1 Playoff Fees to be competitive with neighboring states and as a strategy to recruit and retain officials.
- All school officials are reminded that the school must complete PIAA Transfer Forms, not parents or students.

Thank you to everyone for your best efforts. Good luck with spring sports and the end of school year activities that we all look forward to in our communities.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00AM.