



2025 DISTRICT 1 ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
April 9, 2025 –9:30am - Jeffersonville Golf Club

Assistant Executive Secretary Sean Kelly called the meeting to order at 9:30AM.

Mr. Kelly welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

Mr. Kelly introduced all members of the PIAA District 1 Committee.,

PIAA Update and Discussion Points.

Dr. Robert Lombardi, PIAA Executive Director presented the talking points presented below.

1. The Board is currently holding discussion regarding feeder schools. Pennsylvania Catholic Conference Executive Director Eric Failing is completing a survey of diocesan schools and will provide that information to the Executive Staff and the Board for further discussion.
2. The Board unanimously approved, on a **third and final reading basis**, an amendment to Article VI, Transfers, Residence and Recruiting, Section 7, C., d., to add retirement and/or discharge from the military for post-season waiver, effective July 1, 2025.
3. The Board unanimously passed on a **second reading basis**, to amend Article VI, Section 11. Recruiting of students, B., Out-Of-Season Activities, 12 and add new #14, regarding participation in out-of-season teams and competition:

*12. Participation by a student in non-school athletics (i.e., AAU, American Legion, club settings, etc.) on a team that is affiliated with any school other than the school which the student attends, or attended the prior year, followed by a Transfer by that student to the affiliated school. A team affiliated with a school (**including but not limited to NFHS/NCAA scheduled events, 7v7, etc.**) is one that is organized by and/or coached by any member of the Coaching staff at, or any other person affiliated with, that school; and/or on which the majority of the members of the team (participates in Practice and/or competition) are students who attend that school.*

***NEW 14.** Athletic Personnel of a member senior high school directly, or through another person, encouraging and permitting participation in Out-of-Season Activities as a tryout for a student that is neither enrolled nor attending the school.*

4. The Competition formula has been reviewed, and the Board has changed the following items based upon information received from the membership and discussions with the Strategic Plan sub-committee.
 - Change in transfers allowed/sport – based upon rules code – 50% of starting team – round down to whole number
 - Change in # of success points to move up and stay up in classification
 - Including family circumstances and situations that may impact the transfer provision
 - Health and safety may be considered in the decision making on re-classification with supporting documentation and information
5. Sanctioning of tournaments especially girls' wrestling and winter/indoor track & field. PIAA approval with non-member schools; NFHS approval with schools from other states that are not contiguous. Tournament fees need to be paid by the organizer. Fees listed upon the application on tournament approval page.
6. Officials Appreciation Week April 6-12. Thank you to all the schools who are helping to recognize the PIAA officials working their contests this spring.
7. Dr. Lombardi asked school administrators to continue to emphasize Sportsmanship with their coaches, student-athletes, spectators and parents. "Let's be intentional about Sportsmanship." The PIAA is making a request to read the Sportsmanship Message by PA before all Contests. It reads as follows:

Insert school name here and PIAA promote the highest ideals of good sportsmanship. Actions or language meant to demean contestants, teams, spectators, and officials are not in the highest ideals of interscholastic education and will not be tolerated. Let today's contest reflect mutual respect. We request your cooperation in supporting today's contestants and contest officials in a positive manner. Offensive and unsportsmanlike language or conduct will not be tolerated and may serve as grounds for removal. Please respect our student-athletes, coaches, contest officials and game administration with your cooperation to promote a safe, positive game environment. Thank you.

Dr. Lombardi also expresses concern regarding the high number of disqualifications that fall into the supplemental category for two games. This includes fighting, punching, foul language, other egregious acts that implicate a second game sit-out. Please help us cut these down. Team and spectator behavior is getting to be at an all-time low.

8. Dr. Lombardi discussed Presidential order of February 5, 2025, directing schools and states associations to comply with the order to not permit males (determined by their sex, not gender) from competing on girls' athletic teams. If they do, schools may possibly lose federal funding and be in violation of Title IX and the Civil Rights Act. Schools need to make their own decisions with the consultation of your school solicitor and administrative team. The PA State Legislator is still considering legislation "Save Women's Sports Act."

9. Dr. Lombardi explained the recent legislation that would require schools to accept cash payments for entry to interscholastic events. This includes all admission to school-based activities - sporting events, class plays, musicals – it is not just sports. Please contact your local representatives and senators to address your concerns. The PIAA believe this hurts schools and places their workers in an unsecure environment where their safety and theft become concerns. Most major facilities and events have cashless entry, and this type of targeted legislation may make us leave quality championship facilities for District and state Championship play. If that occurs it ultimately hurts students.
10. Girls' Flag Football – NHFS rules book is expected to be approved this summer. PIAA schools will have organized play next spring 2026. PIAA Girls' Flag Championships will be introduced in the spring of 2027. Schools sponsoring girls' flag football are asked to update their school profile on the PIAA website. The PIAA will work on specific sport policies and the registration of certified officials this summer.
11. Schools are encouraged to submit videos and highlights to the PIAA Scene. PIAA Scene has posted 12 editions on the website. If you have good video to share to promote a special occurrence or happening at your school, please tag **@PIAASports** or use **#PIAAscene**.
12. Official ball adoptions for 2025-29 have been announced. The only change in the ball contract is basketball Wilson - NCAA EVO NXT.
All others stay the same from the last cycle. Volleyball – Baden; Baseball & Softball – Spalding; Football & Soccer – Wilson.
13. The NHFS - National Student Leadership Summit will be July 14-17, 2025, Indianapolis, IN. PIAA will sponsor 12 students. NHFS application is posted on PIAA website. Deadline April 21, 2025.
14. Shot clock surveys for boys' & girls lacrosse and basketball will be sent to all D1 Schools.

District One Operational Update.

- Mr. Kelly advised all league representatives to send discussion items to the Human Resource and Operations Committee Members who will meet in May.
- Mr. Kelly expressed sincere thanks to all the principals, athletic administrators, coaches, parents, and students who have made the past seasons successful. Thanks also 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 (Women's Parent Representative and Middle School/Jr High Representative).

- Mr. Kelly reported that the use of Hometown Ticketing has been smooth and seamless. The use of online tickets has helped to give definitive data on the sizes of venues and the number of spectators.
- Member school were reminded of the 30-day deadline for the submission deadline Post-Season Waivers. Additionally, the deadline for a PIAA appeal is 15 days prior to the start of the District One Post-Season

Thank you to everyone for your best efforts and to all the school administrators who were able to attend the Spring meeting. Good luck with spring sports and the end of school year activities.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30AM.

District-One PIAA Committee Members – 2024-2025

Chairman	Dr. Mike Barber
Vice-Chair	Steve Brandt
Executive Director*	Rod Stone
Assist. Executive Director*	Sean Kelly
Recording Secretary*	Holly Farnese
Treasurer	RJ Bretz
Bicentennial	Seth Frankenfield
Bicentennial	Bill Keenan
Catholic Academy	Stephanie Taylor
Catholic Academy	Shannon Fisher
Central League	Seth Brunner
Central League	Steve Brandt
Ches-Mont National	Corey Sigle
Ches-Mont National	Dr. Jason Sherlock
Ches-Mont American	Devon Landgraff

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Pioneer Athletic Conference	Bobby Kurzweg
Pioneer Athletic Conference	Jonathan Bauer
SOL American	RJ Bretz
SOL American	John Creighton
SOL Continental	Scott Hegen
SOL Continental	John Mullin
SOL National	Lou Sudholz
SOL National	Henry Hunt
Women's Athletics Representative	Lisa Ford
Athletic Director's Representative	Joe Derickson
School Board Representative	Christopher Jaramillo
Male Parent Representative	Dave Baun
Female Parent Representative	Vicki Zebley
Parent Representative	Denis Gray
Private School Representative	Becky Flynn Hensel
Middle School Representative	open
Men's Officials Representative	Ron Reidinger
Women's Officials Representative	Maureen Gregory