



## **PIAA DISTRICT ONE-COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**December 23, 2020 – 9am via Zoom**

*Stephen Brandt, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.*

***Present at the meeting:** Michael Barber, Steve Brandt, Rodney Stone, Sean Kelly, Danielle Turner, Holly Farnese, Mike Lalli, John Allen, Reggie Parks, Terri Fasano, Seth Bruner, Jason Sherlock, Sue Cornelius, Mike Price, Rap Curry, Robert Kurzweg, William Ziegler, Eric Greiner, Todd Vaccaro, Sylvia Kalazs, John Reading, John Creighton, Lou Sudholz, Joe Derickson, Jennifer Wilson, Dave Baun, Denis Gray, Becky Flynn Hensel, Matt Heiland, Tom Brady, Maureen Gregory*

***Absent from the meeting:** Janet Columbro and Dee Cross. No guests were present at the meeting*

### **Minutes**

Upon motion by D. Gray / J. Reading, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee meeting from December 17, 2020. Unanimous (28 Votes)

**Treasurer's Report** – no report this meeting

**Student Transfer List / Foreign Exchange Student List** – no report this meeting

**Public Comment** - no public comment was made.

**Executive Secretary Report** – Mr. Stone/Mr. Kelly

- Leagues and schools are asked to send Winter Sport updates to the District One office if there are any additional changes or delays to their schedules.

**PIAA BOD Report** – Dr. Barber reviewed additional items that were covered at the PIAA BOD Meeting held on 12/22/20.

- Adjustments to the 2020 Winter Pre-Season practice minimum was approved by the PIAA BOD. Requirements are listed below:

# of Days – Preseason Practices Completed as of 1.4.20	# of Practice Days Needed Before Competition	# of Practice Days Needed Before Competition for schools who utilize Off Campus / Private Facilities
0	10	5
1	9	
2	8	
3	7	
4	6	
5	5	
6 or greater	4	

- Practice Interruption (after the preseason has been completed) - If a member school team’s practice schedule has been interrupted and the team is unable to practice for more than ...
  - 7 days – team must complete 2 days of practice
  - 10 days – team must complete 3 days of practice
  - 14 or more days – team must compete 4 days of practice
- Regular Season Winter deadline – 3/27/21
  - Regular Season/Post-Season Contests not to exceed the maximum number of contests.
- Regular season contests that are cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns will be considered a No Contest. This includes if schools disagree on the wearing of protective face wear (masks) during regular season contests. The contest may be cancelled and will also be considered a No Contest with neither team receiving a forfeit.
  - The Committee asked Dr. Barber to get clarification from the PIAA Office about this policy for post-season contests.
- Next PIAA BOD Meeting will be held 1/27/21 – 2pm

## **New Business – Winter Sport Update**

- Availability of Championship sites remains the number one concern and the highest priority. At this time, all Basketball playoff contests will be played at the highest seed. Sites for Competitive Spirit, Swimming and Wrestling are needed. Schools with interest or availability are asked to contact the D1 Office.
  
- **Competitive Spirit Championships** – Mrs. Turner reported that the PIAA Championships have officially been delayed and moved to April 9-10, 2021 at the Giant Center, Hershey, PA. The D1 Championship date and site are still TBD. Possible dates are March 20 or 27, 2021. No site has been secured. The PIAA and D1 championships will be held virtually if needed.
  
- **Wrestling Championships** – Due to practice requirements and lack of regular season competitions, District One and PIAA *Team Dual tournaments* have been postponed. The PIAA hopes to establish State tournament dates after the Individual Wrestling tournament. The PIAA will provide updates once schedules are established and District One will adjust accordingly. The D1 Wrestling Steering Committee will continue to work on securing sites and dates for the D1 Individual Championships. No additional changes to the tournament format have been made at this time. The D1 Wrestling Committee will meet on 1/5/20.
  
- **Swimming Championships** – PIAA and District Championship sites are still to be determined. At this time, there will be 16 PIAA qualifiers for each event. PIAA will have additional discussions with Bucknell University early on the new year. District One qualifying standards have not been established. District One is still in need of sites to host D1 Swim Championships. The D1 Swimming Committee will meet on 1/6/20.
  
- **Basketball Playoffs**
  - D1 Committee approved the tie breaking procedures that were used for the fall sport season. Procedures will be added to the D1 Website.
  - District Champions only will advance to the PIAA playoffs.
  - Upon a motion by J. Derickson / J. Creighton, the Committee approved to move the District One Basketball Seed Meeting from February 14<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Unanimous (28 Votes).
  - Discussion on the number of D1 Playoff qualifiers occurred. No vote or decision on the number of playoff teams was made. The D1 Committee will continue to evaluate the number of teams competing throughout the season.

- **Winter Track** - Outside competitions are allowed. These meets must follow Indoor Track rules and events. No relay events are permitted.

*Note: All Winter dates and playoff formats are subject to change if additional delays are enforced. D1 Committee will meet again on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 to review any PIAA changes, the number of D1 playoff qualifiers and post-season dates.*

**Old Business** - No old business.

**Officials Report** – Mr. Brady / Mrs. Gregory remind all schools that officials are not permitted to make mask protocol decisions. That is the responsibility of the participating school and game manager of the contest. Additionally, all schools are requested to be mindful of the importance of communication between schools.

**Middle School Report** - No items needing committee action/attention this month.

### **Eligibility Hearings**

Thursday, December 17, 2020

- A District One Sub-Committee conducted a transfer hearing on behalf of a student (JY) from **Great Valley High School**. Upon motion by S. Brunner / J. Columbro, the committee approved the student's transfer from the Westtown School to Great Valley HS. Vote 6-0-1 abstention.
- A District One Sub-Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student (JY) from **Great Valley High School** in reference to **PIAA By-Law Article VI, Section 2C, Post Season Waiver**. Upon motion by B. Flynn-Hensel / M. Price, the committee denied the student's request for post-season participation in the sport of basketball. Vote 6-0-1 abstention.
- A District One Sub-Committee conducted a hearing on behalf of a student (NM) from **Marple Newtown High School** in reference to **PIAA By-Law Article VI, Section 2C, Post Season Waiver**. Upon motion by R. Kurzweg / B. Flynn-Hensel, the committee approved the student's request for post-season participation in the sport of basketball. Unanimous 9-0.

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

- The committee conducted a document review on behalf of a student (CS) from **Great Valley High School** in reference to **PIAA By-Law Article VI, Section 2C, Post Season Waiver**. Upon motion by J. Sherlock / D. Turner, the committee approved the request for post-season participation in the sport of wrestling. Unanimous (28 Votes).

**Adjournment**

Upon motion by T. Vaccaro / T. Fasano, the committee approved the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30am. Unanimous (28 Votes)

The next meeting of the PIAA District One Committee will be held virtually on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 – 1PM

*Respectfully submitted, HF / SJK*