



The following items and details should be considered when playing non-PIAA schools.

Article XII, Section 3. Requirements of Written Contract

“...Where the opponent is not a member of PIAA, or a member in good standing with their respective NFHS-member state high school association, the school must also enter into a supplement to either a paper or an electronic contract on the official form entitled **“Supplement to Contract for Contests Under PIAA Rules Involving Non-PIAA Member Schools”**, or an equivalent electronic version thereof. Disputes arising from oral agreements will not be considered by PIAA.

**PIAA SUPPLEMENT TO CONTRACT FOR CONTESTS
INVOLVING NON-MEMBER SCHOOLS**

Additionally, the PIAA-member school is responsible for compliance with ARTICLE XII, ATHLETIC RELATIONS, Section 1, Teams Which Member Schools May Play, subsection A, of the PIAA By-Laws, and the non-PIAA member school is responsible for adherence to its agreement that its contestants will comply with all PIAA eligibility rules.

PIAA schools are responsible for informing non-PIAA schools that they must follow PIAA rules and must use PIAA certified officials when playing contests in PA. Regardless, if the game is played at the home or at the visiting school.

The following is a list of potential rule differences that must be considered when playing a non-PIAA opponent.

Soccer

- Must use the Dual/Double Dual officiating system
- Playing time – 2 equal halves (40 minutes/each)
- Teams tied at the end of regulation must play overtime (2 10-minute periods. Sudden victory. No goal scored – game ends in tie.)
- PIAA adopted Soft-red card rule

Basketball

- PIAA has not adopted the use of a Shot Clock.

Boys Lacrosse Shot Clock

- PIAA has not adopted the use of a Shot Clock.
- Teams tied at the end of regulation will play overtime (no more than 6 minutes – at 3 min. switch sides. Sudden victory. No goal scored – game ends in tie.)

Girls Lacrosse Shot Clock

- PIAA has not adopted the use of a Shot Clock.
- Teams tied at the end of regulation will play overtime (no more than 6 minutes – at 3 min. switch sides. Sudden victory. No goal scored – game ends in tie.)

Wrestling

- PIAA adopted 13 Weight-classes
(107,114,121,127,133,139,145,152,160,172,189,215,285)

Softball

- Tie score after 9 innings – player who made last out in the previous inning is placed on 2nd base at the team's next at-bat.

SUMMARY OF MAJOR PIAA ELIGIBILITY RULES

The following highlights summarize the major eligibility rules of PIAA at the date of revision of the Supplemental Contract form. This list does not contain every rule or every detail and is offered only as a summary. A complete set of the eligibility provisions can be found on the PIAA Web site at www.piaa.org/resources/handbook.

AGE

To be eligible, a student must not have reached his or her 19th birthday by June 30 immediately proceeding with the applicable school year.

AMATEUR STATUS AND AWARDS

To be eligible to participate in a sport, a student must be an amateur in that sport. A student loses amateur status in a sport if the student, or the student's parent(s) or guardian(s), receives money or property for or related to the student's athletic ability, participation, performance, services, or training in a sport.

A student may accept awards from the student's school or the student's school-affiliated booster club, the sponsor of an athletic event, a non-profit service organization approved by the student's school Principal, or the news media. Permissible awards are items of apparel, a blanket, watch, ring, scroll, carry-on or warm-up bag, photograph, medal, plaque, or similar award, with appropriate institutional insignia or comparable identification. The fair market value of items provided to any such student may not exceed \$1000.

ATTENDANCE

1. A student must be regularly enrolled in a school and in full-time attendance thereafter.
2. A student is eligible only at the school at which the student is enrolled. Exceptions exist for home-schooled students and students enrolled in Charter Schools or Cyber Charter Schools.
3. If a student is absent from school during a semester for a total of 20 or more school days, the student loses eligibility until that student has been in attendance for a total of 45 school days following that student's 20th day of absence.

CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

A student is eligible only if there is on file with the Principal of the student's school a certificate signed by the student's parent or guardian consenting to that student's participation in Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests in the particular sport involved.

PREPARTICIPATION PHYSICAL EVALUATION

A student is eligible only if the student has participated in a pre-participation physical evaluation performed by an Authorized Medical Examiner (as that term is defined in the GLOSSARY of the PIAA By-Laws) before the student's first sports season's first Practice of that school year.

Wrestlers must also obtain from the Authorized Medical Examiner, prior to each wrestler's first Practice, a certification of the minimum wrestling weight at which the student may wrestle.

In all cases, the Authorized Medical Examiner must certify as to the physical fitness of the student to participate. Execution of another state high school association's form, which is comparable to the appropriate PIAA form, is acceptable for Contests with out-of-state schools.

TRANSFERS

A student is treated as having transferred whenever the student changes schools, even if the student is promoted to a higher-level school or is out-of-school for a period of time before entering the new school.

If the student's transfer from one school to another is materially motivated in some way by an athletic purpose, the student loses athletic eligibility in each sport in which that student participated within a period of one year immediately preceding the date of that student's transfer.

PERIOD OF TIME AFTER EIGHTH GRADE, PARTICIPATION, AND GRADE REPETITION

A student loses eligibility when the student has:

1. Reached the end of the student's fourth consecutive year beyond the eighth grade. If the student repeats a grade after eighth, the student will be ineligible as a senior.
2. Played six seasons beyond the sixth grade or four seasons beyond the eighth grade in any sport.
3. Completed the work of grades 9-12, inclusive.

ACADEMIC AND CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

1. A student must pursue a curriculum defined and approved by the student's Principal as a full-time curriculum.
2. A student must be passing at least four full-credit subjects or the equivalent as of each Friday during a grading period. A student who fails to meet this requirement loses eligibility from the following Sunday through the Saturday immediately following the next Friday as of which the student meets this requirement.
3. A student must have passed at least four full-credit subjects or the equivalent during the previous grading period, except that eligibility for the first grading period shall be based on the student's final credits for the preceding school year. A student who fails to meet this requirement loses eligibility for at least 10 or 15 days of the next grading period, beginning on the first day that report cards are issued. If the student's school has four grading periods, the student will be ineligible for at least 15 school days; if the student's school has six grading periods, the student will be ineligible for at least 10 school days.

ALL-STAR CONTESTS

A student loses eligibility in a sport for one year if the student participates in an all-star Contest in that sport.