

**PIAA / DISTRICT ONE ANNUAL FALL MEETING**

**September 17, 2025 - 10:00 am – Zoom**

Dr. Michael Barber, District One Chairperson

Stephen Brandt, District One Vice-Chairperson

Rod Stone, District One Executive Secretary

Sean Kelly, District One Assistant Executive Secretary

Sean Kelly welcomed all Principals, Athletic Directors, and PIAA Staff

Sean Kelly identified and thanked the 2025-2026 District One Committee members

**Mr. Robert Hartman**, Regional Sales Executive for Digital Scoreboards ([bhartman@digitalscoreboards.net](mailto:bhartman@digitalscoreboards.net))

* Mr. Hartman made a brief presentation. Digital Scoreboards will be present at the D1 Cross Country Championships at Lehigh University on October 24th.

**PIAA Updates - PIAA Executive Staff**

* Dr. Lombardi, PIAA Executive Director
* Mark Byers, PIAA Chief Operating Officer
* Pat Gebhart, PIAA Assistant Executive Director
* Jen Grassel, PIAA Assistant Executive Director
* Lyndsay Barna, Assistant Executive Director
* Keenan Huss, Assistant Executive Director

Dr. Lombardi and PIAA staff presented current issues and updates

* The Religious Rights Foundation filed suit against PIAA. Effective September 15, 2025 a Consent Order was reached between both parties. Students enrolled in Faith Based Schools that are residents of public-school districts are now able to participate in athletic activities at that public school. The participation is subject to all the PIAA Rules and Regulations i.e., eligibility requirements, completed CIPPE Forms, and achieving the requisites to make the team.

A copy of the Consent Order will be sent to all schools.

* The Pennsylvania Independent School Athletic Association (PAISSA) has now entered into a blanket agreement with PIAA Schools to abide by PIAA Rules and Regulations when participating in contests. There is no longer a need for PIAA schools to complete the supplemental contract to compete with those schools.
* The PIAA publishes a monthly electronic newsletter. Please refer to this publication for essential information on the PIAA website.
* PIAA participates in the NFHS Student Leadership Program each July in Indianapolis. PIAA sent 15 students and 4 chaperons to this event this year. All expenses are covered by the PIAA Foundation. Application for this event is available on the PIAA website.
* The PIAA Foundation Race will be held in Hershey, PA on September 20th with 139 schools participating.
* The PIAA Board of Directors passed on a First Reading Basis the use of a Basketball Shot Clock beginning 2028-2029. This item has been referred back to the PIAA Basketball Steering Committee for additional research at the end of this month.
* Beginning with the 2026-27 Swimming and Diving Season the Backstroke Ledges will be allowed. They will be required for District and State Competition.
* The PIAA Scene is a video program posted on the PIAA Website designed to spotlight events, personnel, and celebrations around the Commonwealth. Schools are encouraged to send school video and player accomplishments to Lyndsay Barna at the PIAA Office,
* Officials Appreciation Week be celebrated during the week of October 5-11, 2025.
* Girls’ Flag Football is now a PIAA Sanctioned Sport. 80 Schools in PA presently have teams. Schools are reminded to update their school profile if teams are added to their school.
* The window to submit Enrollment Figures will open October 1-15,2025. Classification information will be released by November 7, 2025. The deadline for voluntary reclassification is December 5, 2025. The PIAA will send specific information to Principals and Athletic Directors. Schools are encouraged to double check enrollment numbers before submitting.

**District One Operational Update**

* PIAA School Enrollment reminders … October 1 - October 15, 2025.
* Schools are reminded to update school profiles and any changes in administration
* Congratulations to all District One Sportsmanship Awards winners. The 2024-2025 awards will be delivered to Schools.
* Joe Derickson, PSADA D1 Athletic Director’s Association Chairman made a presentation.
  + LTC 504 and 506 will be presented at Garnet Valley High School on October 2, 2025.
  + A Zoom presentation will be held on October 10, to review Fall Playoff Procedures.
  + This fall two Zoom presentations were held for Middle School/Junior High athletic administrators.
  + School athletic directors are encouraged to join the athletic directors association period please contact joe Derickson or Sean Kelly if you need any information
* Sean Kelly reviewed the Supplemental Disqualification Rule and requirements to be eligible to return to play.
* Sean Kelly reminded everyone to fully complete PIAA forms - Forms must be complete and accurate. Be sure to use the **most current document** found on the PIAA portal
* Sean Kelly reminded school of the deadlines for Post-Season Waiver forms submission.
  + Submission deadlines 30 days prior to the Post-Season
  + 15 days prior to the Postseason for PIAA appeals
* All Playoff dates and Post-Season reminders can be found on the sport pages on the PIAA D1 website.
* Schools are reminded to continue to support PIAA game officials with proper security and game management.
* Sean Kelly will be in contact with schools to request neutral playoff sites for D1 and PIAA contests .

**Sportsmanship Award Winners – 2024-2025**

Sacred Heart Academy AACA

Neshaminy High School Suburban One League Patriot Division

Souderton High School Suburban One League Colonial Division

Quakertown High School Suburban One League Liberty Division

Cheltenham High School Suburban One League Freedom Division

Keith Valley Middle School Montgomery County Athletic Association (MCAA)

Penn Wood High School Del Val League

Dock Mennonite Academy Bicentennial Athletic League

MaST Community Charter School Bicentennial Athletic League

The Christian Academy Bicentennial Athletic League

Upper Darby High School Central Athletic League

Springton Lake Middle School Central Athletic League - Middle School

Sun Valley High School Ches-Mont League

Stetson Middle School Ches-Mont Middle School

Norristown High School Pioneer Athletic Conference

Pottsgrove High School Pioneer Athletic Conference

Thank you for attending today and best of luck to you and your teams this year.