



## **Annual Spring PIAA/District One Meeting April 4, 2018 - 9:30AM**

Rodney Stone, District 1 Executive Secretary called the meeting to order at 9:30AM and presented the PIAA District 1 Operational Update.

Dr. Michael Barber, Executive Director of PIAA District 1 introduced the PIAA District 1 Committee Members. Dr. Barber introduced the PIAA staff present, Dr. Robert Lombardi, Executive Director of PIAA, Melissa Mertz, Associate Executive Director, PIAA

Update from the PIAA Headquarters:

Dr. Lombardi presented the following PIAA Update.

- The Sports Medicine Committee is making recommendations for required eyewear for the sport of Field Hockey and prevention of heat related instances during football heat acclimatization period and all sports pre-season practices.
- Reminder of the deadline of Coaches Education is June 30, 2018 for previous hired coaches. New coaches have a two-year window to establish their coaching credentials.
- The NFHS Student Leadership Summit will be July 23-25, 2018 in Indianapolis, IN.
- PIAA is involved in a concussion class action suit and a separate concussion case brought by a student.
- PIAA has appealed the National Labor Relations Board decision of Lacrosse Officials in the Pittsburgh area being employees to the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.
- Two officials in Pittsburgh area have filed a class action suit to include minimum wage payments, primarily for their attendance at Chapter Meetings.
- Web streaming at PIAA District and Inter-District contests are prohibited without expressed written authorization of PIAA and the payment of rights' fees.
- Ballots were distributed to each represented HS and MS/JHS for a vote on the Constitutional Amendment of Article II of the PIAA Constitution, the Purpose of PIAA. To provide guidelines, not directives, to the charitable purpose of PIAA.

Ms. Mertz presented the following PIAA Update.

- PIAA, NFHS, PSBA and the Attorney General's Office have jointly created a task force and a poster campaign to address the current national Opioid Crisis. Additional Posters are available from the D1 Office.
- Addressed the NFHS contest rules to address religious headwear. PIAA BOD currently looking at need for waivers.
  - Uniform Modification Form available on the PIAA Website.
- Postgame Policy Regarding Spectators Entering the Competition Surface, will now include prohibiting players/coaches from going into the stands to celebrate. This is as a safety concern as well as a courtesy to individuals/teams and the post-game handshakes and awards ceremonies.

- Updated Transfer Rule is effective April 1, 2018, a 21 – day sit-out required following an in-season transfer. Additional 50% season rule effective April 1, 2018
- PIAA will develop an eligibility portal on the website that will host all requests for athletic eligibility with all materials completed at the portal and distributed to schools through that platform. The eligibility portal will help to track the number of transfers to schools.
- The PIAA Competition Committee is tasked to consider all aspects of rules and regulations. This committee has recommended the following to the PIAA Board of Directors at the May meeting.

1. Final review of the Athletic Transfer Rules
2. Discussion at the Competition Committee Meeting in March - A student transferring between junior and senior year may be eligible to play the sport in the previous year; however, they would not be eligible for post-season play. Referred to PIAA BOD.
3. Definition of open gyms.
4. Defining off-season conditioning.
5. Submission of eligibility lists by deadline - 2 weeks after start of regular season. Penalties will be administered to schools who do not meet that deadline.
6. District 1 request to Competition Committee – to review/study data of competitive fairness as it relates to public and non-public schools and success – since the expansion of classifications.

Mr. Sean Kelly, Assistant Executive Secretary presented the following.

- Beginning the Fall Season 2018 - The PIAAD1 website will include the site for score reporting. Information/Instructions will be sent over the summer.
- Please continue to report Spring Scores, game cancellations and postponements. Contact the D1 Office and/or the Sport Tabulator.
- Before submitting PIAA Transfer Forms, please make sure all information is completed and that students and parents are interviewed previous to submission.
- Thank you to all Host Schools and ADs who helped during the Playoffs.

All interested persons are invited to stay for the April District Committee Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.