



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

**January 29, 2021 – 7:30PM via Zoom**

Steven Brandt, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:30AM.

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

**Absent from the meeting:** Reggie Parks, John Allen, John Creighton, Dee Cross, Denis Gray

**Guests at the meeting:** None

### **Minutes**

- Upon motion by Sue Cornelius/Janet Columbro, the committee approved the minutes of District One Committee from January 13, 2021. **Unanimous (26 Votes)**

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

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

- Sean Kelly informed the committee the company Zebra Web, an Officials Assigning Program is requesting to make a brief presentation to the Committee. This will tentatively be scheduled at the February 10, 2021 PIAA District One Meeting. Committee members are asked to collect feedback from their assignors and members schools concerning the use of the Arbiter system.
- All committee members are asked to inform their leagues that the PIAA Spring Mandatory Coaches Meeting may be viewed as an Online Video. The free video will be available on the PIAA website from February 12, 2021 – March 12, 2021. Head Coaches will also be able to attend online or in person pre-season meetings. Head Coaches who do not attend or certify Spring meeting attendance will be subjected to \$100 fines by the PIAA.

- Sean Kelly informed the committee that discussion will be held in February in reference to the Universal Tennis Rating (UTR) System may be used as a pilot program for District One Tennis and PIAA Tennis Championships.

### **PIAA BOD Report from 1/27/21 meeting– Dr. Barber**

- PIAA will no longer host the Regional Golf tournament in 2021. In turn, the PIAA will sponsor a single day championship event for each classification (similar to 2020).
- PIAA will hold a strategic planning meeting on 2/10/21. Among others, a topic of discussion will include preseason and postseason dates for the Football season.
- Discussion of mask wearing policies during the winter season.
  - PIAA has no authority to override the Governor or a local health and safety order. PIAA is obligated to follow school orders. Proof is not required to explain an athlete’s reason for an exemption.
  - Clarification of Post-Season Mask order (to date):
    - *If an athlete is permitted to participate without a mask due to the school accepting or authorizing the exemption, they will be permitted to compete. If an athlete/team refuses to participate against an opponent not wearing a mask, the refusing athlete/team will forfeit the contest and not be eligible for further participation (ART. 5 ... A forfeit shall eliminate a contestant from further competition in a Tournament, except when the forfeit is because of an injury or illness which occurred during the tournament).*
- PIAA accepted the RFP for Official Ball designations for 2021-22 through 2024-25 and awarded the following companies with “Official Ball” Designations in the following sports. (soccer appears to be the only adjustment to the current ball list)
  - Baseball – Spalding - PRO NFHS 41-100HS
  - Basketball – Spalding – TF-1000 Legacy 76-2258 (Boys); 76-2268 (Girls)
  - Football – Wilson – GST – WTF1003B
  - Soccer – Wilson – Forte Hybrid II – WTE9906XB
  - Softball – Dudley (Spalding) – Thunder Heat 43-147
  - Volleyball – Baden – Perfection VX5EC

### **Old Business**

- Approval of the D1 Basketball playoff qualifiers and playoff dates was once again tabled for further evaluation and discussion. The D1 Committee was willing to wait until February to evaluate the total number of teams competing, along with the number of completed contests in each classification. D1 basketball seed meeting will remain on schedule for March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- PIAA Team Dual Championships are schedule for 3/27/21 (after the PIAA individual tournament). The District deadline for Team Dual Championship is 3/20/21. No specific date has been established for District One Duals. Due to conflicts with league wrestling tournaments, D1 Duals will not be scheduled on 2/13/21.

## **New Business**

- Approval - Upon motion by Tom Brady/Danielle Turner, the committee approved the Post-Season selection process concerning the assignment of Officials for district and PIAA playoffs following the fair process without discrimination. **Unanimous. (26 Votes)**
- **Basketball**
  - The committee discussed reconsidering the minimum number of games (8) required to qualify for PIAA D1 Playoffs. Concerns center around schools that are not able to reach the minimum number of contests due to school cancellations and league only schedules. No action was taken. If needed this topic will be revisited at the February meeting.
  - Schools are asked to consider scheduling non-league contests with opponents who are having a difficult time scheduling games this season.
  - The PIAA D1 Basketball Seeding meeting will be March 3, 2021. All games, including league playoff games will count towards the Power Ranking this season. Maximum number of regular season contests shall not exceed 22.
- **Wrestling**
  - Approval - Upon motion by Rap Curry/Sue Cornelius, the committee accepted the Wrestling Steering Committee Individual Tournament Wrestling Seeding Process. **Unanimous. (26 Votes)**
    - *The seeding procedures for the 2021 Wrestling post season tournaments were developed due to the restrictions that have resulted from the COVID virus and are intended to be temporary. The factors listed below will help to explain why a temporary seeding procedure was needed.*
    - *The normal tournament structure allowed all teams to enter one contestant per weight class. For 2021 AAA tournaments are structured with 12 contestants per weight class in each of the North & South District Tournaments. This translates into 24 contestants from 61 schools.*
    - *The opportunity to wrestle in 20+ bouts in the 20-21 season prior to the tournaments has been reduced due to the delayed start to the season. Most schools are only competing with teams within their respective leagues and most major, highly competitive tournaments that provide valuable comparative data have been cancelled.*
    - *The seeding procedures that were developed include input from all coaches in their particular tournament. Prestige Points that have been earned in prior seasons will be considered. For incoming freshman, information from recognized tournaments may be used to assist the committee.*

- *Note: Specific instructions on how to submit Post-Season Weight Class Entries will be sent to all coaches and D1 ADs.*
- Wrestling Steering Committee Members will meet to formally review and finalize the seeding for wrestlers in each weight class.
- Data provided by the wrestling coaches in D1, supplemented with the data provided by (<http://www.pa-wrestling.com/2021-d1-power-rankings/>) will be used by the District One Wrestling Steering Committee League Representatives to finalize the seeding of the wrestlers in each weight class.
- Each bracket must be approved by a 2/3 majority of the eligible voting members.

*n. b. Lou Sudholz & Sue Cornelius have left the meeting.*

- **Swimming**
  - Championships will be held at the York YMCA, York, PA - 2A/3A Girls on 2/26/21 and 2A/3A Boys on 2/27/21.
  - Number of qualifiers - 2A (8 individuals/6 relays) / 3A (16 individuals/12 relays)
  - Diving Championships will be held at North Penn HS on 2/19 and 2/20/2021
  - D1 Swimming Committee will continue to establish the championship qualifying standards and the timeline and schedule of championship events. Once this information is established and approved, it will be sent to all members schools and posted on the D1 Website.
- **Competitive Spirit – Mrs. Turner**
  - Team registration is now open - 1/25 – 2/19/2021.
  - D1 Championship will be held at CB Couth HS on 3/20/2021
  - Once completed, the Competitive Spirit Handbook, schedule of events and competition directives will be sent to all D1 member schools.

## **Official's Report**

There are no items for discussion or action this month.

## **Middle School Report**

There are no items for discussion or action this month.

## **Eligibility Hearings**

- The committee conducted a document review on behalf of a student from West Chester Rustin High School in reference to PIAA By-Laws Article VI, Section 2C, postseason waiver request. After reviewing the documentation presented, upon motion by Joe Derickson/Janet Columbro, the committee approved the request. **Unanimous. (24 Votes)**

## **Adjournment**

- Upon motion by Mike Lalli/Mike Price, the committee approved the motion to adjourn at 9:00 AM. **Unanimous (24 Votes)**

The next meeting of the PIAA District One Committee will be held virtually on February 10, 2021 @ 12:00pm.

*Respectfully submitted, HF / SJK*