



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 26, 2020 – 9:00AM via Zoom

Dr. Michael Barber, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00AM.

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

Minutes

Upon motion by Denis Gray/Steve Brandt, the committee approved the minutes of the May 20, 2020 Committee Meeting. **Unanimous (25 Votes)**

Executive Secretary Report

Welcome new members to the District One Committee. John Allen (BAL), Dan Bradley (AACA), Bobby Kurzweg (PAC), Dr. William Ziegler (PAC), Becky Flynn-Hensel (Private Schools) and Matt Heiland (Middle School).

PIAA BOD Report

Summary from the June PIAA BOD meeting was sent to all member schools. Dr. Barber discussed in detail the Disqualification Rule and Sub-Varsity Football game changes (see below).

Congratulations Dr. Pat Nugent on his retirement. Dr. Barber expressed his sincere thanks to Dr. Nugent for his wisdom, professionalism, and dedication for his service of 22 years to the PIAA District One committee. The committee wishes Dr. Nugent much happiness in the future as he retires from Spring-Ford High School.

New Business

Upon motion by Becky Hensel/Danielle Turner, the committee approved the appointment of Mr. Steven Brandt as the PIAA District One Vice-Chair for the 2020-21 year.

Unanimous (25 Votes)

Upon motion by Todd Vaccaro/Sue Cornelius, the committee approved travel expenses for the July PIAA BOD Meeting in State College for Steve Brandt.

Unanimous (25 Votes)

Upon motion by Sue Cornelius/Mike Price, the committee approved the District One Basketball Playoff Qualifiers. **Unanimous (25 Votes)**

Officials Report

Congratulation is extended to Maureen Gregory upon her selection to the PIAA BOD as the Female Official's Representative.

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

Adjournment

Upon motion by Dr. Patrick Nugent/ Seth Bruner, the committee approved the motion to adjourn at 10:00AM. **Unanimous (25 Votes)**

The next PIAA District One Committee Meeting will be held on August 12, 2020 – 9:30am at MCIU.

Respectfully submitted, HF/SK

PIAA UPDATES

ARTICLE XIII, Section 8, Disqualification from Next Contest(s).

General Rule (Preamble)

Sportsmanship is a core principle in interscholastic athletics. Actions which are unethical and/or intended to demean, embarrass, intimidate or injure opposing contestants, Teams, spectators and/or officials are considered unsportsmanlike and will not be tolerated since they are contrary to the purposes of PIAA and convey lessons incompatible with the reason why high school sports exist.

A. Mandatory Disqualification - One Game Suspension

Any Coach and/or contestant who, while Coaching or competing for a PIAA member school, is ejected from a Contest by a state high school association recognized and/or registered official in that sport for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct is disqualified from Coaching and/or participating for the remainder of the day and in all Contests on the next Contest day of the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition from which the Coach and/or contestant was previously disqualified. For a Coach, participation in the next Contest includes any contact by the Coach with members of the Team, including other Coaches, between the time that the Team arrives at the Contest site and the conclusion of the last Contest of the day. The Principal must direct the Coach not to attend all of the Contest(s).

B. Enhanced Supplemental Disqualification - Two Game Suspension

Any Coach and/or contestant who is ejected from a Contest by a state high school association recognized and/or registered official and a component of the ejection is confronting, contacting or addressing a Coach, contestant or official using foul or vulgar language, ethnic or racially insensitive comments or physical contact will be disqualified from competition for the remainder of the day and for the next two (2) Contests including all Contests on the next two (2) Contest days of the same level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition from which the Coach and/or contestant was previously disqualified. For the purposes of this provision, the jurisdiction of the official(s) to apply and enforce this rule begins upon the official's arrival at the Contest site and ends when the official (or the last of the team of officials) leaves the Contest site. The Contest site is defined as premises on which the competition surface is located and includes the entirety of the premises and parking areas.

When the Enhanced Supplemental Disqualification implicates a contestant, and in addition to the two (2) Contests disqualification, the contestant may not return to competition representing the contestant's school until the contestant completes the NFHS Sportsmanship program at NFHS Learn (online) and provides a certification of completion of this program to the student's Principal and the Principal submits the certification to the PIAA District Sport Chairman. A Coach disqualified under this provision may not return to competition representing the Coach's school until the Coach completes the NFHS Sportsmanship program and Teaching and Modeling Behavior program at NFHS Learn (online) and provides a certification of completion of these two programs to the Coach's Principal and the Principal submits the certification to the PIAA District Sport Chairman.

A PIAA District Committee may, at its discretion, convene a hearing to address any and all disqualifications and provide additional penalties as warranted by the circumstances.

PIAA SUB-VARSITY FOOTBALL RULES MODIFICATIONS (JUNIOR VARSITY OR JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOL)

The purpose of this modification for sub-varsity level contests is to create opportunities for student-athletes to participate in a modified contest or controlled scrimmage setting. The modifications permit contests to be played with kicking modifications or plays from scrimmage (10 and 10), and allow some flexibility for coaches to have a less formal structure than an event contested under NFHS Football Rules. PIAA views this as a true learning and teaching opportunity at the sub-varsity level.

Mutual agreement to use the following NFHS kicking rules deviations or scrimmage opportunity at the sub-varsity level is required of the participating schools prior to the event. Failure of mutual agreement prior to the event results in the contest being played under NFHS rules. If modifications are agreed upon for the kicking game modifications outlined below, they apply to both kickoffs and punts. Once an option is selected it cannot be modified during the game for any reason. It is recommended that these modifications be discussed and agreed upon by Athletic Directors and coaches well before game time, preferably in the week leading up to the game, and shared with the registered officials in advance of the event.

At the sub-varsity level in the sport of football, a team may participate in a maximum number of 2 scrimmages and 10 Contests, or a combination of 12 Scrimmages and/or Contests.

Administration:

At the sub-varsity level, schools may mutually agree to hold an athletic event under the following three (3) conditions:

1. Play the event pursuant to NFHS Rules;
2. Play the event pursuant to NFHS Football Rules and agree to utilize the kicking game modifications below; or
3. Play the contest as a scrimmage utilizing the scrimmage modifications detailed below.

Regardless of the method determined to play the event, PIAA-Registered officials must be present to conduct the event during the defined-regular season. Assigning of officials and payment of officials fees are to be agreed upon by the school and/or league and the registered official.

Any Coach and/or contestant who, while Coaching or competing for a PIAA member school during the defined Regular Season dates for football, is disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct or flagrant misconduct, shall be subject to the disqualification provisions under Article XIII Penalties, Section 8, of the PIAA By-Laws.

KICKING GAME MODIFICATIONS

Kickoff Modifications

- Options for the team that wins the coin toss will be to defer choices **OR** choose to go on either offense or defense **OR** choose the goal that team will defend. The team on offense will start 1st and 10 at their 35-yard line anywhere between the hash marks. The game clock will start on the snap.
- Following a score, the non-scoring team will put the ball in play 1st and 10 at their 35-yard line after their opponents PAT. The ball will be placed on the 35-yard line anywhere between the hash marks. The game clock will start on the snap.
- Following a safety, the ball will be placed on the Team B 45-yard line, 35 yards from the Team A 20-yard line, anywhere between the hash marks. The game clock will start on the snap.
- Following a touchback, the ball will be placed on the Team B 20-yard line anywhere between the hash marks. The game clock will start on the snap.

Punt Modifications

- The receiving team will put the ball in play 1st and 10 at the succeeding spot 35-yards from the previous spot anywhere between the hash marks. If the previous spot is on or inside the Team A

45-yard line, the ball will be placed at the Team B 20-yard line. The game clock will start on the snap

Note: Field goal attempts and PAT's by placekick will be conducted under NFHS Football Rules in all situations.

SCRIMMAGE MODIFICATIONS

Modified football should be administered so that all safety precautions are in effect.

Conditions of Play:

- Maximum time of 90 minutes;
- Play will be conducted in 11 v 11;
- All NFHS and relevant PIAA football rules modifications must be followed in regard to playing rules, equipment etc.;
- Each team will run 10 plays and then alternate. Down and distance situations may be used but must occur within the 10-play limit. The total number of plays shall not exceed maximum of 80 live contact plays during the entire scrimmage or a time limit of 90 minutes;
- No score shall be kept;
- ~~Coaches may be allowed on the field for instructional purposes;~~
- Kick-offs will not be utilized, play will start on the 25-yard line;
- Timeouts and stoppages of play are permitted and encouraged for the purpose of both providing instruction and adequate rest period;
- Punts and extra point attempts may involve live play until the ball is kicked. Punts may not be advanced and all fumbled punts and muffs will be blown dead immediately;
- On offense, one team starts and has ten plays starting from their own 25-yard line. They will get ten plays in a row. If they score, the ball comes back to the 25- yard line until their ten plays are exhausted;
- The down is over if the defensive team gains possession of the ball; and
- After Team "A" completes their 10 plays, Team "B" will have ten offensive plays. This continues until each team has had 40 offensive plays. Teams may elect to run fewer than 40 offensive plays if agreed upon by both head coaches;

Officials

- The scoreboard may be used for time purposes only-no score is to be kept;
- Administer penalties without delay, there is no need to waste time consulting the offended team; simply administer the penalty;
- When an official throws a flag during live play and a penalty is assessed, the play still counts as one of the plays for that sequence in the scrimmage;
- Coaches are responsible for tracking the maximum number of plays to be run;
- Downs and distance may be kept. However, they are not required. The referee's judgment on first downs will be accepted;
- The officials are responsible for enforcing the scrimmage rules. Coaches do not have the authority to supersede the officials' decisions on any aspect of the scrimmage;
- A scrimmage may be ended early upon a team's request. The opposing team must honor the request;
- Situation play can be requested by any team, but both teams and the referee must agree;
- There is a 40 offensive play MAXIMUM allotted for each team conducted in the following manner.

10 Plays Team A -25 Yard Line
10 Plays Team B -25 Yard Line

**Optional 2 minute Break
10 Plays Team A -25 Yard Line
10 Plays Team B -25 Yard Line

5 Minute Break

3 Minute Mandatory Warm-Up Period

10 Plays Team A -25 Yard Line

10 Plays Team B -25 Yard Line

**Optional 2 minute break

10 Plays Team A -25 Yard Line

10 Plays Team B -25 Yard Line

Maximum Total Time for Scrimmage: 90 minutes including warm-up & breaks. 90 minutes includes the 40 offensive play maximum per team.

2020-2022		# OF	DISTRICT 1	PIAA QUALIFIERS
<u>SPORT</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TEAMS IN D1</u>	<u>QUALIFIERS</u>	<u>TEAM</u>
G BASKETBALL	A	6 D1 / 3 D12	D1.D12 REGION - 4 or 5	3
	2A	6	4	2
	3A	2 D1 / 9 DXI	D1.DXI REGION	2
	4A	8	4	2
	5A	22	12	5
	6A	43	24	12
B BASKETBALL	A	8	4	2
	2A	5	4	1
	3A	2 D1 / 10 DXI	D1.DXI REGION	3
	4A	4	4	1
	5A	20	12	6
	6A	44	24	12