



**District Annual Spring Meetings  
Items of Discussion**

**1. Constitutional Amendment – Powers and Duties of Principal**

PIAA Constitution, ARTICLE X, LOCAL MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL, Section 2 F., as follows: ~~“All written contracts with officials must be signed by the Principal or by one Principal representing a conference or league or, at the option of the applicable Principal, the Athletic Director or one Athletic Director representing a conference or league.~~ To arrange for the appropriate number of PIAA-registered officials in good standing to officiate all regular season contests hosted by the Principal’s school.”

**2. ARTICLE VI TRANSFERS, RESIDENCE AND RECRUITING**

**Section 2. Eligibility of Transfers**

**A. In-Season Transfers**

1. Because of the timing difficulties in expeditiously obtaining necessary paperwork, of confirming representations of eligibility, of determining whether such Transfers are opposed by any appropriate party, of promptly scheduling hearings to consider such matters, and to reduce the likelihood of participation by an ineligible student that would impact on competition and the opportunity to participate by other students, a student who Transfers after the student Practices with a school’s Team shall be ineligible to participate in that sport in Contests for a period of 21 calendar days following enrollment at the student’s new school. The student’s eligibility shall thereafter be determined by Sections 3 or 4 of this ARTICLE, as applicable.

2. If a student in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade transfers before the student was eligible to participate in at least 50% of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests in that sport, the student is ineligible for participation in the postseason (District championships tournament and thereafter) in that same sport, for the current school year.

3. If a student transfers after the student was eligible to participate in at least 50% of the PIAA maximum number of Regular Season Contests in that sport, the student will be deemed to have participated in an entire season and, following the transfer, will not be eligible for further participation in that sport for the current school year.

a. If said student is in the 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade then said student is ineligible for participation in the postseason in the (District championships tournament and thereafter) in that same sport of the subsequent school year.

**B. Out-of-Season Transfer** (effective for transfers occurring on or after August 6, 2018).

1. If a student transfers after participating in a sport in their 10th grade year, or thereafter, and following completion of such season, transfers to another school, said student is ineligible for participation in the postseason (District championships tournament and thereafter) in that same sport for the subsequent school year. The student, if otherwise eligible, may participate in that sport only during the regular season.

**B. Waiver Provision of A and/or B.** – District Committee may grant eligibility if certain situations are met.

3. The NFHS field hockey committee voted to delay the mandatory requirement for eye protection is to be permanently labeled with the ASTM 2713 standard for the 2020 season.
4. Volleyball uniform changes - The changes in uniform rules are a part of Rule 4-2, which reorganizes the uniform rule to improve understanding and eliminate solid-colored uniform requirements.
5. Starting the 2020 spring sports season, baseballs must display *SCI certified* and *Meets NOCSAE Standard* – as well as the NFHS authenticating mark.
6. On a 1<sup>st</sup> reading of amendment to ARTICLE XVI of the PIAA By-Laws, within 10 days prior to the start of each sports season, no student enrolled at a PIAA member **high** school may participate in any **team** competition on a team on which **all other** players and **at least one coach** are also affiliated with that students' school.
7. Competition formula – classification to start this fall with numbers to be submitted starting in October. By end of fall sports season should have look at next cycle classifications in fall sports completed for 1<sup>st</sup> reading by Board of Directors in January.

Super Class Survey – 777 sent; 402 opened; unopened 375; 119 responses (15%)  
 53 – 44.5% = Yes; want Superclass; 66 – 55.5 % = No; do not want superclass.  
 6A school – 15 responses – 9=no; 6=yes.

No votes for superclass in FB = 55.5%  
 No votes for superclass in BBB + GBB = 58.8%

8. Amateur Status. Permissible Awards and Participation. The fair market value of items provided to any such student may not exceed \$750 \$500. Additionally, a student and/or the student's parents may accept monies for participation on National Teams or tryouts sponsored by the NGB and NCAA Youth Development Camps.
9. NCAA/NFHS basketball camps – last 2 weekends in June at Thomas Jefferson University Philadelphia – Team camp only – initiated by NCAA and Rice Commission to stop the illegal payments and unscrupulous actions of those involved in college men's basketball.
10. NFHS Student Leadership Summit – Indianapolis, IN July 22-24, 2019.  
 6 students – 3 boys and 3 girls – Sponsored by the PIAA Foundation
 

Braden Bohannon	ELCO HS
Julia Cacciotti	Bishop Guilfoyle HS
Madison Flythe	Chambersburg HS
Ethan Gavlik	North Allegheny HS
Katie McCallum	Mount Saint Joseph Academy
Derek Troxell	Catasauqua HS
11. As part of our Opioid initiative, PIAA in conjunction with the Attorney General's Office; PSBA and NFHS ran an opioid contest to select the student that produced the best 30 second PSA of "Don't Let Pain Become a Killer". Ryan Mickey of the Penn Trafford HS Media Club whose "Bench Your Addiction" PSA was the winner and selected from over 50 entries. Emmett Dixon, of Cedar Crest HS Media Club was the runner up. Congratulations to both students.



12. Special Olympics Unified Sports Bocce Championships – held at the GIANT Center, Hershey PA. March 21, 2019. The top 8 place winners were the following schools;

1. Bald Eagle Area HS - Champion
2. Columbia HS – Runner-up
3. Sun Valley HS
4. North Penn – Liberty HS
5. Ellwood City JHS/SHS
6. Beaver Area HS
7. Henderson HS
8. Moshannon Valley HS

13. Updated language for registration of sports officials - registration with PIAA does not in any way limit or restrict the ability of officials to officiate sports at any level or for any entity including but not limited to intercollegiate, professional, recreational, AAU and other sports organizations

14. Background certifications for sports officials and provisions for mandatory removal based upon current state law.

15. A change to ARTICLE XV, OFFICIALS, Section 5, ~~Requirement~~ Recommendation of a Written Contract, to provide that.- *PIAA member schools should enter into written (paper or electronic) contracts with the officials retained by the schools or assigned by an assignor to officiate regular season contests. The terms of such contracts must not violate the PIAA Constitution and By-Laws, Policies and Procedures and Rules and Regulations. Registered sports officials are independent contractors and, therefore, are NOT employees of PIAA, the schools or the assignor.*

16. A change to the stipulated establishment of a POLICY REGARDING REGULAR SEASON CONTEST OFFICIALS' FEES, to provide that *PIAA has no involvement in the establishment of regular season contest officials' fees and decision of the timely payment based upon school district payment policies. It is recommended not mandated to utilize either an electronic or paper contract to verify the proper number of officials are assigned to each athletic contest.*

17. It is required to have a registered PIAA track and field official to act as a starter/meet official at all regular season cross country meet and invitationals.

18. The scoring of teams in regular season dual meets for cross country meets has been changed to allow for scoring if the minimum number of runners do not participate. This is only for the regular season.

19. NFHS football rules committee approved a 40 second play clock for senior high football next season. The clock is to be started when the ball is declared dead by an official. This will assist in consistent enforcement of the ready for play and timing between plays. If you have a 25 second clock it will need to be programmed for both 25 and 40 seconds. 25 seconds will still be used in certain circumstances. If no play clock, officials will keep time on field as usual.

20. Please talk to your coaches about discussing with players to become sports officials and reel in the verbal abuse. It is #1 reason, abuse, that nationwide we are losing current and not attracting new sports officials.
21. NFHS Network – Pixellot program; please inform us if you are interested. May have a pricing initiative. Kiki Enderle of the NFHS Network may be attending some District Committee Spring Meetings. Her email is [Kiki.Enderle@nfhsnetwork.com](mailto:Kiki.Enderle@nfhsnetwork.com)
22. Public/private legislation – there is a potential bill being developed in the House by Rep. Conklin ( D - State College) addressing public and private schools competing for PIAA championships. Last week Rep. Conklin stated he has changed the language from mandate of separate championships to allow PIAA do it. The Catholic Conference has indicated they will challenge any change to the 1972 legislation and will also challenge legally in court if necessary.