GENERAL INFORMATION: 2019 PIAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The purpose of this memorandum is to develop the format for and to provide the process to inform the PRINCIPAL, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, AND HEAD FOOTBALL COACH of each member school concerning the 2019 PIAA Football Championships, which are scheduled on the following dates:

- Friday, November 15 and Saturday, November 16 (first round);
- Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23 (quarterfinals);
- Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30 (semi-finals);
- Thursday, December 5 (1A & 4A *Championships)
- Friday, December 6 (2A & 5A *Championships)
- Saturday, December 7 (3A & 6A *Championships)

*Championships to be held at HERSHEY PARK Stadium, Hershey, PA

The 2019 PIAA Football Championships shall be conducted pursuant to all applicable By-Laws, Policies and Procedures, and Rules and Regulations of PIAA. Additionally, it is important that the principal, athletic director, and head football coach of all teams that will participate in the 2019 PIAA Football Championships and all persons who will have responsibilities involving these activities are fully informed of the policies and procedures described herein. It is also necessary that everyone associated with these championships comply with all policies and procedures without exception.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY INTO PIAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

PIAA member schools are not required to enter PIAA championship events. Entry and participation in the 2019 PIAA Football Championships are voluntary. Entry into the 2019 PIAA Football Championships signifies that the member school accepts the fact that the Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee, reserves the right to make changes in the date of contests, location of contests, management, operation, and schedule of the 2019 PIAA Football Championships if, in the judgment of the Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee, it becomes necessary to do so.

COACHES

A coach is a person (including volunteer high school alumni, professional athletes, and citizens of the community) engaged, either for an entire season or any part thereof, by a school to provide coaching to a team. PIAA does not impose any requirements or limitations on the retention or hiring of paid or volunteer coaches in either public or private schools.

Neither the Public School Code nor the Regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) currently place restrictions on the hiring or qualification of persons employed as coaches in public schools. Upon satisfactory compliance with applicable laws relating to completion of required background checks, schools may engage as coaches any persons who meet their local criteria.

A coach from each member school that has qualified a team to the 2019 PIAA Football Championships must accompany and supervise those persons representing that member school. However, the member school may send a full-time professional employee of the school district in lieu of a coach for purposes of accompanying and supervising the member school's team to the 2019 PIAA Football Championships. This full-time professional employee must be a properly designated representative of the member school's Team, and that individual must be fully responsible for supervision of that Team.
ENTRY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

PIAA has partnered with MaxPreps, the “Official Statistician of PIAA District and Inter-District Championships” for the purpose of soliciting schedules, rosters, results, and statistics of member senior high schools in the sport of football. That information will be utilized by both District and Inter-District Championship Tournament Directors to provide attending media with up-to-date results and statistical information on the competing schools and to produce souvenir programs.

Accordingly, a representative of each school that qualifies a team for the 2019 PIAA Football Championships is requested to enter its team’s information into MaxPreps using Coach Login, which, if not already established, may be obtained by e-mailing Coachsupport@maxpreps.com or calling 800-329-7324 x 1. Next, go to www.MaxPreps.com and click the red coach Login button at the top of the page to login to your team’s account. Under the Main Menu, click the Schedule and Roster links to make sure your team’s schedule, scores, and roster are up-to-date and complete. Please be sure to denote your team captain(s) on your team’s roster. Next, use the Edit My Account icon in the upper right portion of the page to make sure your team’s contact and title information are complete for your team’s coaching staff. Finally, click the coach Note link to add a brief summary (no more than 275 words) highlighting your team’s season.

In addition, member schools advancing a team to a 2019 PIAA Football Championship semi-final contest are requested to continually update its team’s schedule, roster, results, and statistics and forward an appropriate team picture to PIAA, as follows:

1. Electronically forward an appropriate team picture, with a resolution of 266 dpi, or greater, in either Bitmap or JPEG format, to mbyers@piaa.org.
2. If electronically forwarding an appropriate team picture is not possible, then courier or USPS Express Mail an appropriate team picture to the PIAA Office.

PLEASE DO NOT FAX TEAM PICTURES. THE DEADLINE FOR FORWARDING AN APPROPRIATE TEAM PICTURE IS 8:30 A.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019. NO EXCEPTIONS!

FIRST ROUND OR QUARTERFINAL AND SEMI-FINAL CONTESTS

Schools that qualify for the first round or quarterfinals and schools that advance to the semi-finals will be notified concerning their opponent, home/away team, location of contest, date of contest, starting time of contest, and name and telephone number of the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager BY THEIR PIAA DISTRICT FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

Principals or Athletic Directors of competing schools, upon notification of relevant information from their PIAA District Football Championships Tournament Director, should IMMEDIATELY contact the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager of their respective contest and (1) confirm the opponent, home/away team, location of contest, date and starting time of contest; (2) arrange for a locker room, if needed; (3) obtain directions to the contest site; (4) state the departure time of the team and the approximate time of arrival at the contest site; (5) state the anticipated number of spectators from the school and community that will attend the contest; and (6) state a telephone number at which the Principal or the Athletic Director will be available, up to the announced departure time of the team.

POLICY REGARDING THE USE OF EYE SHADE

The use of eye shade must be worn as a single, solid stroke under the eye. There shall be no numbers, words, logos, symbols or other detail located in the eye shade. The eye shade shall not extend below the cheek bone and extend no further than the width of the eye socket. Players having eye shade that does not meet the standard are to remove it or comply with the PIAA interpretation before participation in the game. If the players do not comply, the officials may impose unsportsmanlike conduct type penalties as determined by their respective rules code.
HOME TEAM/UNIFORMS

The team at the TOP of the pairing in the brackets (enclosed) shall be the HOME Team for all first round through and including semi-final contests and shall wear its DARK JERSEYS. The team at the BOTTOM of the pairing in the brackets (enclosed) shall be the VISITING team and shall wear its WHITE JERSEYS. The Principal or the Athletic Director of the school that is the visiting team is responsible for contacting the Principal or Athletic Director of the school of the home team for the purpose of avoiding similarity of colors with the jerseys of the home team.

DESIGNATION OF LOCKER ROOM FACILITIES, BENCH, HOME/VISITORS SEATING, AND BAND SEATING SECTION

The PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager shall designate the location of each team's locker room facilities, team bench, home/visitors seating, and band seating. Where possible, a section of the stadium behind the designated home team bench will be designated as seating for the home team's spectators, and a section of the stadium behind the designated visiting team's bench will be designated as seating for the visiting team's spectators.

Contestants are requested to bring their own locks for use in the designated locker rooms. It is recommended that all articles of value such as money, rings, watches, etc. are not left in the locker room at any time, but are collected by and remain in the possession of a responsible adult designated by each participating school. PIAA and/or the host facility are not responsible for any lost or stolen articles.

CONTEST BALLS AND BALL HOLDERS

Each member school that qualifies for the 2019 PIAA Football Championships shall receive one (1) WILSON® GST-WTF1003 football, the "Official Ball" of the PIAA Football Championships, from their PIAA District Football Championships Tournament Director. EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WILL BE REQUIRED TO USE THE PIAA-PROVIDED WILSON® GST-WTF1003 FOOTBALL AND/OR THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOL-PROVIDED WILSON® GST-WTF1003 or WILSON® F1005 FOOTBALLS DURING THOSE DOWNS IN WHICH IT FREE KICKS OR SNAPS. Following each PIAA Football Inter-District Championships Contest, the winning school shall receive one (1) WILSON® GST-WTF1003 football from the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager for use during the next Inter-District Football Championship Contest. Each school will be responsible for providing two (2) ball holders (twelve [12] years of age or older) with a sufficient supply of drying towels for use by the crew of officials working the contest, first round to final, inclusive.

STARTING TIMES

The preferred starting times for all first round through and including semi-final contests are 7:00 p.m. for evening contests and 1:00 p.m. for afternoon contests.

PRE-CONTEST MEETING

The Principal, Athletic Director, head football coach, and cheerleading advisor of each school participating in the 2019 PIAA Football Championships are required to meet with the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager and site liaison person no later than one and one-half (1½) hours prior to the starting time of each contest at a location determined by and announced by the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager. The Principal and Athletic Director must remain in the team box throughout the contest and remain in the team box until the contest is concluded and their team has entered the locker room.

SUPERVISION

Principals, Athletic Directors, and head football coaches are responsible for supervising members of their teams at all times, both at and away from the contest site. Misconduct by players, team personnel, coaches, and/or other persons affiliated with the team will not be tolerated. Persons who engage in unacceptable behavior are subject to expulsion from the contest site and disqualification from the 2019 PIAA Football Championships.
RESPONSIBILITY OF PRINCIPALS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS FOR TEAMS AND CROWD CONTROL

The Principal and the Athletic Director of each participating school, along with the PIAA-appointed contest manager, the site liaison person, and site security, are responsible for crowd control as it pertains to representatives of their school and spectators from their school community.

SPECTATOR AND TEAM BOX DECORUM

The presence and/or the use of balloons, whistles, and/or portable listening devices (without earphones) are PROHIBITED! The Principal and Athletic Director of each school will be requested to confiscate these items from their cheerleaders and/or the spectators from their school and community. The use of pom-poms by cheerleaders and small portable listening devices with earphones is permitted. **Spectators are prohibited from removing their shirts and/or using body paint while in attendance at District and Inter-District Championship Contests. Principals and Athletic Directors of competing schools shall announce and publicize these regulations.**

The principal, athletic director, coaches, team physician, team trainer, players in uniform, managers, ball holders, and statisticians will be the only persons permitted in the team box.

RESTRITION ON USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS

PIAA Board of Directors’ policy prohibits the use of tobacco products by participating and non-participating team personnel, including coaches, during any contest at any level (varsity, junior varsity, or otherwise) of competition. The use of tobacco products in the team box, in the locker rooms, and on the competition surface, is prohibited. In addition, the use of tobacco products by spectators is prohibited inside facilities that are designated "TOBACCO FREE!"

RESTRICTION ON CHEERLEADING ACTIVITIES AT DISTRICT AND INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS

The PIAA Board of Directors is concerned with dangerous activities performed by cheerleaders at Contests. In an effort to eliminate or minimize injury to cheerleaders, the following shall be in effect for all PIAA District and Inter-District Championship Contests:

1) No cheerleader shall stand on another person unless that other person has at least one (1) foot on the ground.
2) No flips are permitted from another person unless that other person has both feet on the ground.
3) Trampolines and/or mini tramps shall not be used.

The above regulations are also recommended to PIAA member schools for implementation during Regular Season Contests.

PRINCIPALS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTORS ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW THESE POLICIES WITH THE COACH/ADVISOR OF THEIR CHEERLEADING SQUAD AND THE MEMBERS OF THE CHEERLEADING SQUAD PRIOR TO THE START OF THE 2019 PIAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/POSTPONEMENTS

Teams must be prepared to play in inclement weather. If at all possible, Inter-District Championship Contests will be played as scheduled. It shall be the decision of the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager as to whether a contest should be postponed because of inclement weather, unplayable condition of the competition surface, and/or hazardous travel conditions. Postponed contests must be played later in the day or on the next playable day, at the original contest site, and at the original starting time, if possible.
POLICY RELATING TO INCLEMENT WEATHER DURING DISTRICT AND/OR INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

The decision whether to postpone a contest during a PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship Tournament, prior to the start of such contest, is the responsibility of the PIAA District-Appointed Contest Manager, in consultation with the PIAA District Tournament Director, or the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager, in consultation with the PIAA Tournament Director, within their respective jurisdictions. Once a contest begins, said decision is the responsibility of the contest official(s).

In considering whether a postponement is appropriate, Contest Managers, in consultation with the applicable Tournament Director, shall give priority consideration to the travel conditions and the health and safety of the participants, Contest Officials, and spectators. Contest Managers shall consider requests made by school officials. They may also weigh available reports and information from other sources regarding road and weather conditions and/or forecasts; and shall take into account the consequences of postponement, such as the availability of dates and sites for make-up contests.

Where a decision is made not to postpone a contest, the failure of a school to participate in such contest shall constitute an automatic forfeit.

Time permitting; a school may appeal the imposition of forfeiture. For a forfeiture occurring during a District Tournament, said appeal shall be submitted to, and resolved by, the applicable District Chairman, or that District Chairman’s designee. For a forfeiture occurring during the Inter-District Championship Tournament, said appeal shall be submitted to, and resolved by, the PIAA Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee. Appeals will be considered only if they can be resolved in sufficient time to reasonably permit rescheduling of the contest. An appeal may be denied solely on the basis that scheduling a make-up contest is not reasonably feasible. The decision may not be further appealed.

If there does exists time to schedule a make-up contest, the applicable District Chairman, or that District Chairman’s designee, or the Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee, within their respective jurisdictions, shall have discretion to grant relief upon consideration of the following factors:

1. whether a request was timely made by the school to postpone the contest;
2. whether the appeal was timely presented by the school;
3. whether road and weather conditions were, or were expected to become, extremely hazardous;
4. whether most other schools did participate in contests in the same area on the same contest date;
5. whether there were any unique or unusually dangerous conditions relating to the appellant school;
6. whether the appellant school, in making its decision, relied on information not available to the Contest Manager; and
7. the impact on the opponent and other participants in the tournament of rescheduling the contest.

PRACTICE/PRE-CONTEST AND END OF HALFTIME WARM-UPS

Teams ARE NOT PERMITTED to practice on the competition surface except for pre-contest and end of halftime warm-ups unless one (1) of the participating teams has played a contest on the competition surface during the postseason. If one (1) team has played on the competition surface during the postseason, the opponent team may request use of the competition surface for one (1) practice by contacting the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the scheduled contest. A request to practice on the competition surface will be accommodated, if possible to do so.

Weather permitting, teams may begin their pre-contest warm-ups a maximum of ninety (90) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest and must conclude their pre-contest warm-ups a minimum of thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest.

During pre-contest and end of halftime warm-ups, the teams are restricted to the ends of the field between the respective 45-yard lines and the end lines. In addition, the ten-yard area (“buffer zone”) between the 45-yard lines may not be occupied and/or used for warm-up purposes by players, coaches, managers, and any other non-playing personnel from either team. The PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager shall designate the end of the field for each team’s warm-up area.
TEAM COACHES’ PRESS BOX/HEADPHONE SYSTEMS

Minimally two (2) spotter locations for two (2) coaches of each team will be made available to each school, where possible, and at the discretion of the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager. Headphone systems will be the responsibility of each team and, accordingly, will not be provided by contest management or by host facilities. Schools are responsible for providing their own headphone systems for all PIAA Football Championships Contests, first round to final, inclusive.

POLICY REGARDING INTERRUPTED PIAA DISTRICT
AND/OR INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST

PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship Contest Managers, in conjunction with the respective PIAA District-Assigned or PIAA-Assigned crew of Contest officials, are authorized to make the determination as to whether or not a PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship Contest will be resumed following an interruption.

SUSPENDED CONTEST

When weather conditions are construed to be hazardous to life or limb of the participants, the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager, after consultation with the crew of contest officials, is authorized to delay or suspend the contest.

If the contest is interrupted because of events beyond the control of the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager, crew of contest officials, and/or operations personnel representing the contest site, it shall be continued from the point of interruption, unless the teams agree to terminate the contest with the existing score.

A period or periods may be shortened in any emergency by agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee, subject to the approval of the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager. By mutual agreement of the opposing coaches and the referee, subject to the approval of the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager, any remaining period may be shortened at any time or the contest terminated.

35-POINT DIFFERENTIAL AFTER FIRST HALF, RUNNING CLOCK RULE

By PIAA Board of Directors adoption, upon the completion of the first half and when one team gains a 35-point differential over its opponent, the clock shall be stopped only when an official’s time-out is taken, a charged time-out is granted, penalty is called, the period ends, or a score occurs.

RESOLVING TIED GAMES

By PIAA Board of Directors adoption, at the end of the fourth period, if the teams have identical scores, the tie shall be resolved in accordance with RESOLVING TIED GAMES, as set forth on pages 84 and 85; and RESOLVING TIED GAMES INTERPRETATIONS, as set forth on pages 85-87 of the 2019 National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rules Book.

POLICY REGARDING DISTRICT AND/OR INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP
POST-CONTEST INTERVIEWS OF COACHES AND TEAM PERSONNEL

Following completion of a PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship Contest, coaches, other school personnel, and persons affiliated with the team shall not allow or participate in any interviews with the electronic and/or print media or other persons until both teams have completed the congratulatory handshake ceremony, completed the awards presentation ceremony (applies to championship [final] contests only), and departed the competition surface.
PIAA member schools are responsible for the treatment of all visitors and officials attending contests conducted by their school. Access to competition areas should be limited to participating student-athletes, coaches, officials, and game personnel. For the safety of participants and spectators alike, at no time before, during or after a contest should spectators be permitted to enter the competition area prior to the teams and contest officials leaving the competition area.

**TEAM ADMISSION TO CONTEST, ADMISSION TO TEAM BOX, AND COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS**

School band, majorettes, and marching units, in uniform, and “band-aides” (“band-aides” may not exceed fifteen [15] persons) will be extended complimentary admission. A maximum of twenty (20) members of a cheerleading party, including mascot and advisor(s), shall be admitted.

Each participating school will be permitted to admit members of the team, free-of-charge. The members of the team that are to be admitted free-of-charge must be identified to site security by the head coach, Athletic Director, or Principal and ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM INCLUDING COACHES, MANAGERS, AND OTHER NON-PLAYING PERSONNEL MUST ENTER THE CONTEST SITE IN ONE (1) GROUP AND AT THE SAME TIME.

Ten (10) complimentary tickets shall be issued to each participating member school for use at its discretion. In addition, a maximum of twenty-five (25) persons, including coaches and non-player personnel, shall be admitted upon identification of the head coach.

**CHEERLEADERS, DRILL TEAMS, BANDS, AND OTHER CONTEST SUPPORT UNITS**

PIAA does not reimburse expenses for the transportation of cheerleaders, drill teams, bands, and other support units to the contest site. All expenses incurred in bringing cheerleaders, drill teams, bands, and other support units to the contest site will be the responsibility of the competing schools.

A maximum of twenty (20) members of the cheerleading party, including mascot and advisor, shall be admitted to the contest free-of-charge, in one (1) group. The group must include at least one (1) adult advisor who shall accompany and supervise the cheerleaders and mascot at all times.

School bands, majorettes and marching units, in uniform, and "band-aides" ("band-aides" may not exceed fifteen [15] persons) will be extended complimentary admission to each PIAA Football Championship contest under the following conditions:

Weather-permitting, the "home team" band may present a pre-contest show a maximum of thirty (30) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest and must conclude the pre-contest show and depart the competition surface a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest. The "home team" band must be prepared to perform the NATIONAL ANTHEM from the "home team" band seating section a minimum of five (5) minutes prior to the scheduled starting time of the contest. Weather-permitting, the "visiting team" band may present a halftime show not to exceed fifteen (15) minutes beginning immediately following the end of the first half of the contest. The PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager will make the final decision as to whether the weather permits the school bands to perform on the competition surface.

**POLICY RESTRICTING THE PERFORMANCE OF SCHOOLS’ BANDS AT REGULAR SEASON FOOTBALL CONTESTS AND AT PIAA DISTRICT AND INTER-DISTRICT FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS**

Schools’ bands are prohibited from performing at regular season football contests and at PIAA District and Inter-District Football Championship contests whenever the opposing schools’ football teams are in either a scrimmage formation or a scrimmage kick formation.

PRINCIPALS ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM THE BAND DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL’S BAND CONCERNING THE COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSION PROCEDURES, PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE, AND POLICY DESCRIBED ABOVE.
GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET PRICES

General admission tickets shall be sold at and by the two (2) schools involved in the contest prior to the date of the contest, and general admission tickets will be sold at the contest site beginning no later than one (1) hour prior to the start of the contest, on the day of the contest, at the one-general admission price of $8.00 for first round and quarterfinals and $8.00 for semi-finals, unless the contest site is SOLD OUT! The Principal and the Athletic Director, along with the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager and the site liaison person should publicize the fact that only one-general admission price of $8.00 for first round and quarterfinals and $8.00 for semi-finals will be charged at the gate, the day of the contest.

General admission ticket prices for the 2019 PIAA Football Championship Contests are as follows:

**FIRST ROUND AND QUARTERFINALS:**
- **Advance Sale:**
  - Adult ..... $8.00
  - Student ..... $4.00
- **Gate Sale:**
  - Adult ..... $8.00
  - Student ..... $8.00

**SEMI-FINALS:**
- **Advance Sale:**
  - Adult ..... $8.00
  - Student ..... $4.00
- **Gate Sale:**
  - Adult ..... $8.00
  - Student ..... $8.00

The price of a student ticket includes any K-12 grade student. Pre-kindergarten children are admitted free-of-charge.

**SCHOOL ADVANCE SALE ADMISSION TICKETS**

Each school will receive 500 adult advance sale general admission tickets and 500 student advance sale general admission tickets. When ticket sales are finished, all unsold tickets must be returned to, and a complete accounting of all sales must be made with, the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager, or the Contest Manager’s designee, no later than one (1) hour before the start of the contest as follows:

- **a)** Unsold tickets
- **b)** School Advance Sale Ticket Reconciliation Form and Request for Member School Reimbursement.
- **c)** A check made payable to **PIAA** for the amount of money due.

Only $8.00 general admission tickets for each first round and quarterfinal contest and only $8.00 general admission tickets for each semi-final contest, **ONE (1) PRICE FOR ALL**, will be sold at the gate of the respective contest sites.

**ONLINE ADVANCE SALE ADMISSION TICKETS**

Spectators may also purchase online adult and student advance sale admission tickets, up to and including the Thursday immediately preceding the scheduled Friday or Saturday of PIAA Inter-District Football Championship Contests. Please visit the PIAA Web site at [www.piaa.org](http://www.piaa.org) and the football page for more online ticket information.

**CONTEST SCOUTS/COLLEGE RECRUITERS**

At no time shall high school or college scouts and/or college recruiters be permitted in the press box, nor will they be admitted free-of-charge to the contest. High school and college scouts and/or college recruiters will be required to purchase tickets for admission to any contest.

**PARKING**

Parking for competing schools and spectators is restricted to the parking lots and parking areas at all contest sites that are designated for public parking for the 2019 PIAA Football Championships.

**LODGING AND MEALS**

Lodging is not available at contest sites and lodging will not be provided by PIAA. If needed, a representative of each participating school must make arrangements for lodging and for meals, as required, for the team members and coaches.
REIMBURSEMENT POLICY REGARDING MEMBER SCHOOLS
PARTICIPATING IN PIAA INTER-DISTRICT FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following reimbursement policy shall apply to all PIAA Inter-District football first, quarterfinal, and semi-final round contests to help defray the expenses incurred by participating member schools, effective 2019:

Schools shall be reimbursed $250.00 flat rate for under 50 miles and $500.00 flat rate for over 50 miles.

All reimbursement checks, made payable to the respective participating member schools, shall be mailed to those schools, from the PIAA Headquarters, following the conclusion of the PIAA Football Championships.

Mileage claims made by participating member school athletic administrators will be determined by PIAA Headquarters staff utilizing MAPQUEST or a similar Internet site designed to calculate mileage from a starting point to a destination.

EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE

The PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager will arrange to have a physician, an ambulance, and an EMS crew at the contest to provide emergency medical care. A certified athletic trainer will be available for emergency health care. The certified athletic trainer reserves the right to charge a school for any training supplies that were supplied by the certified athletic trainer or that were used by the school.

CONTEST OFFICIALS

Seven (7) PIAA-registered football officials will be contracted by the PIAA Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee, and assigned to each 2019 PIAA Football Championship Contest. In addition, three (3) PIAA-registered football officials will be assigned by the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager, or the Contest Manager's designee, to the "chain-crew."

NO PROTEST RULE

Under PIAA there can be no protest of Contests as follows:

"The Board of Directors and District Committees will not consider any protest of Contests which are based on play situations or officials' decisions involving interpretation or judgment of plays."

"In no case will the results of a Contest be reversed nor will a Contest be ordered or permitted to be replayed."

"Questions regarding interpretation of rules or judgment of officials should be submitted in writing to the Executive Director."

USE OF DRONES POLICY

For the purposes of this policy, a drone is any unmanned aerial device ("UAV").

Drones are not permitted above the competition surface or spectator areas during interscholastic Contests, Inter-school Practices and Scrimmages. Drones may not be used to scout opposing team practices. Member schools may utilize drones for their own school team practice sessions based upon their local school policies.

Persons and/or schools violating this policy shall be subject to sanctions which may be imposed under Sections 5, 6, 7 and/or 9 of ARTICLE XIII, PENALTIES, of the PIAA By-Laws.

Upon timely requests submitted to PIAA, the Executive Director is authorized to grant exceptions to this policy on a case-by-case basis for PIAA broadcast partners in conjunction with any host school/facility local policies.
CONTEST FILMING OR VIDEOTAPEING

Competing schools filming or videotaping a PIAA Football Championship contest are advised that any expense incurred is the financial responsibility of the individual school. A maximum of two (2) individuals from each competing school will be permitted free admission to the contest to film or videotape. Such persons must present a letter signed by the school Principal to the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager, or the Contest Manager’s designee, which contains the names of the school representatives, and which explains that these are the individuals who have been designated to film or videotape the contest by the principal.

EXCHANGE OF FILM

The Principal or Athletic Director of each school participating in each round of the 2019 PIAA Football Championships should arrange to exchange with their opponent school, film or videotape of at least the two (2) most recent postseason football contests played by that school. If disputes or disagreements occur, the principal can request that the Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee, review the matter provided that the principal contacts the Executive Director, or the Executive Director’s designee, a minimum of four (4) days prior to the date of the contest.

INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS RADIO BROADCASTING, WEBCASTING (AUDIO STREAMING), AND/OR REAL-TIME WEB PUBLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS

GENERAL RADIO BROADCASTING, WEBCASTING (AUDIO STREAMING), AND/OR REAL-TIME WEB PUBLISHING POLICIES

1. Radio broadcasting, webcasting (audio streaming), and/or real-time Web publishing of any PIAA Inter-District Championship contest is prohibited without the prior consent of PIAA.

2. Expenses incurred in the radio broadcasting, webcasting (audio streaming), and/or real-time Web publishing of any PIAA Inter-District Championship contest shall be the sole responsibility of the originating radio station, Internet audio broadcaster, and/or real-time Web publisher.

3. To the extent this policy does not contravene any applicable state or federal law or regulation on these subjects, advertising of and announcements relative to, alcoholic beverages, gaming, tobacco products, and/or political candidates, parties, and/or organizations are prohibited.

4. In keeping with the high ideals of good sportsmanship, it is respectfully requested that the media of communication refrain from making negative comments towards participants, coaches, or contest officials; and report acts of good sportsmanship without giving undue publicity to unsportsmanlike conduct.

5. It is respectfully requested that reports of any accidents, injuries, or other incidents be minimized and factual, in order to prevent undue anxiety on the part of listeners and/or viewers.

LIVE AND DELAYED RADIO BROADCASTING, WEBCASTING (AUDIO STREAMING), AND/OR REAL-TIME WEB PUBLISHING POLICIES

1. Rights fees shall be remitted to the Inter-District Championship contest administrator at least one-half (1/2) hour prior to the start of the contest.

2. There shall be no delay of the scheduled start of an Inter-District Championship contest.

3. No more than one (1) live radio broadcasting and/or live webcasting (audio streaming) seventy (70)-second time-out shall be granted per competition period in the sport of football.

4. There shall be no radio broadcasting, webcasting (audio streaming), and/or real-time Web publishing extension.

PIAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS MINIMUM LIVE RADIO BROADCASTING, WEBCASTING (AUDIO STREAMING), AND/OR REAL-TIME WEB PUBLISHING RIGHTS FEES

Subject to a 50% discount whenever a member school owned radio station broadcasts, Web site webcasts (audio streams), and/or real-time Web publishes its team, the minimum live radio broadcasting, webcasting (audio streaming), and/or real-time Web publishing rights fees, per contest, per radio station, Internet audio broadcaster, and/or real-time Web publisher, are as follows:
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**PIAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS MINIMUM DELAYED RADIO BROADCASTING AND/OR WEBCASTING (AUDIO STREAMING) RIGHTS FEES**

Subject to a 50% discount whenever a member school owned radio station broadcasts and/or Web site webcasts (audio streams) its football team, the minimum delayed radio broadcasting and/or webcasting (audio streaming) rights fees, per contest, per radio station and/or Internet audio broadcaster, are as follows:

1. Radio and/or Internet audio broadcast delayed between one (1) hour following the conclusion of the contest and eight (8) hours following the conclusion of the contest - 80% of the minimum live radio broadcasting and/or webcasting (audio streaming) rights fee.

2. Radio and/or Internet audio broadcast delayed between nine (9) hours following the conclusion of the contest and sixteen (16) hours following the conclusion of the contest - 60% of the minimum live radio broadcasting and/or webcasting (audio streaming) rights fee.

3. Radio and/or Internet audio broadcast delayed between seventeen (17) hours following the conclusion of the contest and twenty-four (24) hours following the conclusion of the contest - 40% of the minimum live radio broadcasting and/or webcasting (audio streaming) rights fee.

4. Radio and/or Internet audio broadcast delayed after twenty-four (24) hours following the conclusion of the contest - 20% of the minimum live radio broadcasting and/or webcasting (audio streaming) rights fee.

**NFHS TELEVISION NETWORK**

Pursuant to PIAA’s agreement and participation in the NFHS Network, PIAA right’s fees are in effect for Inter-District contests per policy in all contests not selected by the NFHS Network to be produced/web streamed. NFHS Network will only provide digital streaming of a contest. Their rights fees have been contracted with PIAA. Any questions, please contact Dr. Robert A. Lombardi, Executive Director.

**INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS CABLECASTING/TELECASTING AND/OR WEBCASTING (VIDEO STREAMING) RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**GENERAL CABLECASTING/TELECASTING AND/OR WEBCASTING (VIDEO STREAMING) POLICIES**

1. Cablecasting/telecasting and/or webcasting (video streaming) of any PIAA Inter-District Championship contest is prohibited without the prior written consent of PIAA.

2. Expenses incurred in the cablecasting/telecasting and/or webcasting (video streaming) of any PIAA Inter-District Championship contest shall be the sole responsibility of the originating cable company/television station and/or Internet video broadcaster.
3. To the extent this policy does not contravene any applicable state or federal law or regulation on these subjects, advertising of and announcements relative to, alcoholic beverages, gaming, tobacco products, and/or political candidates, parties, and/or organizations are prohibited.

4. In keeping with the high ideals of good sportsmanship, it is respectfully requested that the media of communication refrain from making negative comments towards participants, coaches, or contest officials; and report acts of good sportsmanship without giving undue publicity to unsportsmanlike conduct.

5. It is respectfully requested that reports of any accidents, injuries, or other incidents be minimized and factual, in order to prevent undue anxiety on the part of listeners and/or viewers.

6. Any film, videotape, or other visual recorder of a PIAA Inter-District Championship contest, other than those permitted under general rule 7 hereof, shall become and remain the property of PIAA and may not be duplicated or re-cablecast/re-telecast and/or re-webcast (re-video streamed) for any reason or under any circumstances without the prior written consent of PIAA.

7. Cablecasting/telecasting and/or webcasting (video streaming) of up to ninety (90) seconds of video transmission of any PIAA Inter-District Championship contest for use as part of a local sportscast shall be permitted without charge. Any such use shall include visual credit to PIAA and shall be permitted only after completion of the contest in question. Use of production programs, such as Periscope, to video stream Inter-District Contests without prior written permission from PIAA is prohibited.

LIVE CABLECASTING/TELECASTING AND/OR WEBCASTING (VIDEO STREAMING) POLICIES

1. Rights fees shall be remitted to the Inter-District Championship contest administrator at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the contest.

2. The starting time shall be delayed no more than five (5) minutes from the scheduled starting time of an Inter-District Championship contest.

3. No more than one (1) live cablecasting/telecasting and/or webcasting (video streaming) seventy (70)-second time-out shall be granted per competition period in the sport of football.

4. Halftime shall be extended no more than five (5) minutes beyond the normal length of intermission.

5. Post-Contest activities of any Inter-District Championship (Final) contest shall include the awards presentation ceremony.

DELAYED CABLECASTING/TELECASTING AND/OR WEBCASTING (VIDEO STREAMING) POLICIES

1. Rights fees shall be remitted to the Inter-District Championship contest administrator at least one (1) hour prior to the start of the contest.

2. There shall be no delay of the scheduled start of an Inter-District Championship contest.

3. There shall be no media of communication time-outs.

4. There shall be no media of communication extension of halftime.

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POLICIES REGARDING CABLECASTING/TELECASTING, FILMING, PHOTOGRAPHING, VIDEOTAPING, AND/OR WEBCASTING (VIDEO STREAMING)

A. Photography, Film, Video and Audio. PIAA is the owner of the rights to and the copyright holder of all contests conducted under its jurisdiction. Consistent therewith, the following policies, restrictions, and guidelines apply to audio and visual depictions of PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship contests, including all still photographs taken of such contests, all film, analog and digital videos, audiotape, and Internet depictions of such contests and the live audio, visual, and webcasting broadcasts of such contests.

As a general rule, still photography, filming, videotaping, audio recording, and webcasting are prohibited at PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship contests, except as expressly and specifically authorized by this policy. All video, broadcast, title, and broadcast rights for PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship contests are the exclusive property of the involved PIAA District or PIAA, within their respective jurisdictions. PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship contests cannot be reproduced, rebroadcast, or used for any other purposes without the express written consent of the involved PIAA District or PIAA, within their respective jurisdictions.

B. General Policies Applicable to All Classes of Photographers, Videographers, etc.

1. Still photographs, films, videotapes, and audiotapes may not be used to review decisions of contest officials.
2. Still photographs, films, videotapes, or audiotapes, in full or in part, may not be used for any commercial purpose unless authorized in writing by the involved PIAA District or PIAA, within their respective jurisdictions.
3. Any still photography, filming, videotaping, audiotaping, telecasting, webcasting (video streaming), and cablecasting shall not interfere with the visibility and comfort of spectators, shall not present a safety hazard to spectators, and shall not disrupt, disturb, or interfere with the competition or with any competitor.

4. Any person conducting photography, filming, videotaping, audiotaping, telecasting, webcasting (video streaming), and cablecasting shall not stand on any unsafe or potentially hazardous physical object or facility.

5. Any person conducting photography, filming, videotaping, audiotaping, telecasting, webcasting (video streaming), and cablecasting must remain in the areas that have been designated for spectators, sports photographers, schools, cable/television stations, or Internet video broadcasters, as appropriate.

C. Specific Classes of Photographer, Videographers, etc.

1. Member Schools. Representatives of PIAA member schools are authorized, at their own expense, to take still photographs and to film, videotape, and audiotape PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship contests.

2. Spectators. Individual spectators are authorized, at their own expense, and from the seating area or other designated space, to personally take still photographs, film, videotape, and/or audiotape of PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship contests for strictly personal use.

3. Media
a) Members of the media are authorized, without paying a fee, to take still photographs and take short film, video, and/or audio clips of PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship contests for print, video, and electronic news coverage.

b) With advance permission from the involved PIAA District or PIAA, within their respective jurisdictions, members of the media may take still photographs and film, videotape, and/or audiotape of PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship contests for non-news coverage purposes.

c) The filming or taping of the majority of a PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship contest is prohibited, absent approval of the involved PIAA District or PIAA, within their respective jurisdictions.

d) Absent prior approval of the involved PIAA District or PIAA, within their respective jurisdictions, for other usage, videos (analog or digital) taken at any PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship contests may be used for the sole purpose of showing excerpts thereof as a part of a regularly scheduled sports or news program and for no other reason.

e) Media will not lend, give away, and/or sell film and/or videotape of PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship contests, either in whole or in part, except for the purposes herein above specifically set forth and/or in such cases as the involved PIAA District or PIAA, within their respective jurisdictions, approves requests to do so.

f) Absent prior approval of the involved PIAA District or PIAA, within their respective jurisdictions, in no case where excerpts of any PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship contest or contests are used in connection with television programming, shall the action of the contest or contests exceed a total of ninety (90) seconds of running time.

g) Absent prior approval of the involved PIAA District or PIAA, within their respective jurisdictions, no live reports of a PIAA District and/or Inter-District Championship contest are permitted during the time a contest is being televised live by a television station or network with exclusive rights to the contest.

h) Upon request of a PIAA member school or student, media may sell copies of photographs that are published to the requesting school and/or student (or the student's family).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Mr. Patrick B. Gebhart Assistant Executive Director, will serve as Contest Manager for the 2019 PIAA Football Championship (Final) contests. For further information contact:

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