CONCLUSIONS OF ENTRY
PIAA member schools are not required to enter PIAA championship events. Entry and participation in the 2019 PIAA Soccer Championships are voluntary. Entry into the 2019 PIAA Soccer 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 Soccer Championships if, in the judgment of the Executive Director or the Executive Director’s designee, it becomes necessary to do so.

The 2019 PIAA Soccer 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 soccer Coach of all Teams that will participate in the 2019 PIAA Soccer 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.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE
The PIAA Soccer Championships are scheduled on a regional basis for Tuesday, November 5 (first round); Saturday, November 9 (quarterfinals); and Tuesday, November 12 (semi-finals). The championship (final) Contests are scheduled to be played on Friday, November 15 and Saturday, November 16, 2019 in HERSHEY PARK Stadium, Hershey, PA.

ENTRY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
PIAA has partnered with MaxPreps, the “Official Statistician of PIAA District and Inter-District Championships” to create a streamlined process for entering schedules, rosters, results, and statistics for all member senior high schools in the sport of soccer. 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 Soccer 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 x1. Next, go to www.MaxPreps.com and click the Sign In button at the top of the page to login to your Team’s account. Once you are logged into your Team’s Account, 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, click on the icon with your first name in the upper right portion of the page and drop down will appear. Click on "Update Coaches" to make sure your Team’s contact and title information are complete for your Team’s Coaching staff.

In addition, member schools advancing a Team to a 2019 PIAA Soccer Championship first round Contest are requested to continually update its Team’s schedule, roster, results, and statistics and forward an appropriate Team picture to PIAA, as follows:

- Electronically forward an appropriate Team picture, with a resolution of 266 dpi, or greater, in either Bitmap or JPEG format, to mbyers@piaa.org; or
- 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 RESUBMISSION OF THE ELECTRONIC TEAM INFORMATION FORM AND FORWARDING AN APPROPRIATE TEAM PICTURE IS 4:30 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019. NO EXCEPTIONS!
**FIRST ROUND, QUARTERFINAL, AND SEMI-FINAL CONTESTS**

Schools that qualify for the first round and schools that advance to the quarterfinals and 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 SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.

Principals or Athletic Directors of competing schools, upon notification of relevant information from their PIAA District Soccer Championships Tournament Director, should IMMEDIATELY contact the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager of their respective Contests 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.

**HOME TEAM**

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 the Team at the BOTTOM of the pairing in the brackets (enclosed) shall be the VISITING Team. It is required that participating member schools dress and equip their Teams pursuant to National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Soccer Rules 4-1 and 4-2; and Interpretations thereof. 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.

For the 2019 PIAA Soccer Championship (Final) Contests, the Teams at the BOTTOM of the bracket (pairing) will be the HOME TEAMS and, therefore, shall wear DARK jerseys and socks. The Teams at the TOP of the bracket (pairing) will be the VISITING TEAMS and shall wear WHITE jerseys and socks. The designation of home and visiting Teams will be alternated each year for the finals.

**TEAM ADMISSION TO CONTEST**

Teams participating in the 2019 PIAA Soccer Championships are permitted a maximum of thirty (30) persons admitted free-of-charge. This allotment includes players, Coaches, managers, ball holders and all other non-playing persons. Cheerleaders, dressed in cheerleading uniforms, and accompanied by ONE adult advisor, will be admitted FREE-OF-CHARGE, IN ONE GROUP. If the Principal and/or Athletic Director travel to the Contest site separate from the Team party, they are required to notify the Contest Manager prior to their arrival in order to receive complimentary admission.

**RESTRICTIVE COACHING RULE**

The team areas shall extend from ten (10) yards (9.15 meters) on each side of the halfway line for a distance of twenty (20) yards (18.30 meters), and each area shall be marked by a solid line. Coaches, bench personnel and team members shall be restricted to the team area.

For the first offense by a coach for coaching outside the team area, a caution (yellow card) shall be given.

For a second offense by a coach for coaching outside the team area, the coach shall be disqualified (yellow and red card).

A coach who is disqualified shall leave the vicinity of the playing area immediately and is prohibited from any further contact, direct or indirect, with the team during the remainder of the game. Failure to comply shall result in termination and forfeiture of the game. The coach will also not be permitted to coach their team in the next game, if their team advances.
TIE-BREAKING PROCEDURES
The procedure for determining a winner when a soccer Contest that is being played in order to advance a Team during a Postseason Contest which ends regulation play with the score tied shall be as follows:

When the score is tied at the end of regulation time, the referee will instruct both Teams to return to their respective Team boxes. There will be five minutes during which both Teams may confer with their Coaches and the head referee will instruct both Teams as to proper procedure.

1. There shall be no more than two “sudden victory” overtime periods not to exceed fifteen minutes each:
   a. A coin toss shall be held as in NFHS Soccer Rule 5-2-2(d).
   b. At the end of the first fifteen-minute “sudden victory” overtime period, Teams shall change ends.
   c. There shall be a two-minute interval between periods.

2. If the score still remains tied, all Coaches, officials, and Team captains shall assemble at the halfway line to review the procedure as outlined below:
   a. The head referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken.
   b. Each Coach will select any five players, including the goalkeeper, on or off the field (except those who may have been disqualified) to take the kicks.
   c. A coin toss shall be held as in NFHS Soccer Rule 5-2-2(d). The Team winning the toss shall have the choice of kicking first or second.
   d. Teams will alternate kickers. There is no follow-up on the kick.
   e. The defending Team may change the goalkeeper prior to each penalty kick.
   f. Following five kicks for each Team, the Team scoring on the greatest number of these kicks shall be declared the winner.
   g. Add one goal to the winning Team score and credit the Team with a victory. An asterisk (*) shall be placed by the Team advancing to indicate the advancement was the result of the tie-breaker system.

3. If the score remains tied after each Team has had five kicks:
   a. Each Coach will select five different players than the first five who already have kicked to take the kicks in a sudden-victory situation, wherein if one Team scores and the other Team does not score, the Contest is ended without more kicks being taken. If a Team has fewer than ten available players at the end of the first set of kicks from the penalty mark due to either injuries or disqualification, the Coach must use all players who have not participated in the first five kicks. The Coach may choose additional players from the first five kickers to ensure that five different players participate in the second set of kicks.
   b. If the score remains tied, continue the sudden-victory kicks with the Coach selecting any five players to take the next set of alternating kicks. If a tie still remains, repeat 3-a.

4. During all tie-breaker penalty kicks, the ball remains alive until its momentum is spent, it goes out-of-bounds, or it is retouched by the kicker.

5. Unless participating in the kicks as a kicker or goalkeeper, Team members, Coaches, and other bench personnel shall remain in the Team and Coaching area of the respective Teams.

NOTE: For the PIAA Championships (Finals) contests, there shall be no more than two “sudden victory” overtime periods not to exceed twenty minutes each:

GENERAL ADMISSION TICKET PRICES
General admission tickets, both adult and student, will be on sale at the gate at all Inter-District Soccer Championship Contest sites. General admission ticket prices are as follows:

First Round through Championships (Finals): $8.00 Adult $4.00 Student

The price of a student ticket includes any K-12 grade student. Pre-kindergarten children are admitted free-of-charge.
POLICY REGARDING CRITERIA TO BE UTILIZED IN DETERMINING ENTRY ROUND
INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST SITES IN THE SPORT OF SOCCER

The following criteria are used by PIAA in determining entry round Inter-District Championship Contest sites in the sport of soccer:

- Availability of Inter-District Championship Contest sites.
- Suitability of Contest sites, pursuant to the Policy Regarding Criteria To Be Utilized In Considering Selection Of Sites For District And/Or Inter-District Championship Contests.
- Suitability of Contest sites for hosting multiple Contests in a sport.
- Contest sites geographically located in the PIAA District of the member school listed at the top of the Inter-District Championship brackets (pairings).
- Contiguous nature of involved PIAA Districts.

Sport-specific and other relevant criteria may be considered as appropriate under the circumstances.

POLICY REGARDING CRITERIA TO BE UTILIZED IN DETERMINING SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT ROUND (OTHER THAN FINAL ROUND) INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTEST SITES IN THE SPORT OF SOCCER

The following criteria are used by PIAA in determining second and subsequent round (other than final round) Inter-District Championship Contest sites in the sport of soccer:

- Availability of Inter-District Championship Contest sites.
- Suitability of Contest sites, pursuant to the Policy Regarding Criteria To Be Utilized In Considering Selection Of Sites For District And/Or Inter-District Championship Contests.
- Suitability of Contest sites for hosting multiple Contests in a sport.
- Contest sites geographically located as close to midway or an equal distance travel point between the competing member schools, as possible.

Sport-specific and other relevant criteria may be considered as appropriate under the circumstances.

INCLEMENT WEATHER/POSTPONEMENTS

Teams must be prepared to play in inclement weather. If at all possible, Contests will be played as scheduled. It shall be the decision of the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager, in consultation with the PIAA Soccer Championships Tournament Director, 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.

PRACTICE/PRE-CONTEST WARM-UP

Teams ARE NOT PERMITTED to Practice on the competition surface except for pre-Contest 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, a minimum of fifteen (15) minutes and a maximum of thirty (30) minutes of pre-Contest warm-ups on the competition surface shall be provided prior to the start of each Contest. Practice during the ten (10) minute halftime intermission, by Teams scheduled to play at a later starting time that day, shall be PROHIBITED!

PRE-CONTEST MEETING

The Principal, Athletic Director, head soccer coach, and cheerleading advisor of each school participating in the 2019 PIAA Soccer Championships are required to meet with the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager and Contest officials fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of each Contest in front of the officials' table. The Principal and Athletic Director must remain in the Team area throughout the Contest and remain in the Team area until the Contest is concluded and their Team has entered the locker room.
**SUSPENDED CONTEST**
Any PIAA Soccer Championship Contest interrupted due to events beyond the control of the PIAA-Appointed Contest Manager, such as inclement weather, shall be continued from the point of suspension at a later time during the day of competition or the next playable day unless it is declared an official Contest because one (1) complete half or more of the Contest has been played and one (1) Team has scored the greater number of goals.

**GOAL DIFFERENTIAL**
The PIAA Board of Directors has adopted a running clock after goals, when one Team gains a 6-goal differential over its opponent in the second half.

**CHAMPIONSHIP (FINAL) CONTESTS CONFERENCE CALL**
Schools that advance to a PIAA Soccer Championship (Final) Contest will be invited to participate in the 2019 PIAA SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALISTS CONFERENCE CALL, which is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

Each Finalist is required to have either the Principal or Athletic Director call the telephone number and enter the access code, which will be provided to a representative of each Finalist by Mark E. Byers, PIAA Chief Operating Officer, and participate in the 2019 PIAA SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS FINALISTS CONFERENCE CALL, as set forth above.

**CHAMPIONSHIPS (FINALS) STARTING TIMES**

**HERSHEY PARK Stadium, Hershey, PA - Friday, November 15, 2019**
- 2A Girls’ Championship - 11:00 a.m.
- 4A Girls’ Championship - 4:00 p.m.
- 2A Boys’ Championship - 1:30 p.m.
- 4A Boys’ Championship - 6:30 p.m.

**HERSHEY PARK Stadium, Hershey, PA - Saturday, November 16, 2019**
- 1A Girls’ Championship - 11:00 a.m.
- 3A Girls’ Championship - 4:00 p.m.
- 1A Boys’ Championship - 1:30 p.m.
- 3A Boys’ Championship - 6:30 p.m.

**DIRECTIONS TO HERSHEY PARK STADIUM, HERSHEY**
**FROM THE EAST:** Points north should use I-81 South to Grantville exit 80 (old Exit 28). Follow PA 743 South to Hersheypark Drive. Points south should use I-76 (PA Turnpike) West to Lebanon/Lancaster exit 266 (old Exit 20). Follow PA 72 North to US 322 then PA 743 North to Hershey Park Drive.

**FROM THE WEST:** Points north should use I-79 South to I-80 East to Woodland exit 123 (old Exit 20). Follow US 322 East to Hersheypark Drive. Points south should use I-76 (PA Turnpike) East to Harrisburg East exit 247 (old Exit 19). Follow US 322 East to Hersheypark Drive.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
Mr. Mark E. Byers, PIAA Chief Operating Officer, will serve as the 2019 PIAA Soccer Championships Tournament Director.

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