PIAA to HOST 25th Anniversary Officials’ Convention

The PIAA is proud to announce that it will be hosting the 25th annual Officials Convention on August 9th & 10th. The convention provides officials countless opportunities for professional development. Not only are there educational opportunities specific to each officials’ sports but also information on issues involving high school athletics.

At the end of each convention there is a culminating banquet. The banquet recognizes officials who have provided over three decades of service to the PIAA, its member schools and their students.

This year’s convention is special because it marks the 25th anniversary. In the summer of 1995, the board of directors authorized, then Associate Executive Director, Bob Lombardi, to organize the first PIAA Officials’ Convention. The board believed that continuing education and professional development were important in the training and retaining of sports officials. Twenty five years, later the convention is as strong as ever. The first officials’ convention hosted only seventy five officials, but now the convention brings in over one thousand officials each year, making it the largest interscholastic sports officials convention in the country. Do not miss your chance to attend the 25th anniversary. Please click here to register.

Softball Teams Come Together To Host Benefit

West Middlesex and Sharpsville softball teams hosted a benefit for Sharpsville Head Coach Brad Sarchet’s eight year old daughter, Julia, who unexpectedly lost her life to a brain aneurysm last year. The two teams raised money in her honor for a local scholarship awarded to a senior high school softball player each year. In the picture above the athletes honor Julia by holding up the number twelve, which was her softball number.

Baseball Rule Change

As a reminder, in 2017 the Baseball Rules Committee made a rule change for the catcher’s body/chest protector. Effective January 1st, 2020 all baseball catcher’s body/chest protector must meet the NOCSAE standard.
The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association goal is to provide educational, character building opportunities for students through athletics.

319,000 Student-Athletes
1,434 Member Schools
766 High Schools — 668 Junior High Schools

1 GOAL

2A SINGLES CHAMPIONS
1st—Johnathan Nottingham (Masterman)
2nd—Robert Cercos (Dock Mennonite)
3rd—Lenny Maiocco (Western Wayne)
4th—Ryne Talko (Bishop Guilfoyle)

2A DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
1st—James Pottier & Will Schreck (Wyomissing)
2nd—Nicholas Balaci & Jack Fitzpatrick (Conrad Weiser)
3rd—Robbie Shaff & Cyrus Elmi (Moravian Academy)
4th—John Toussaint & Alex DeRome (Dallas)

3A SINGLES CHAMPIONS
1st—Robby Shymansky (Fox Chapel)
2nd—Sameer Gangoli (Great Valley)
3rd—Holden Koons (Dallastown)
4th—Tristan Bradley (Unionville)

3A DOUBLES CHAMPIONS
1st—Connor Bruce & Elian Ascencio (Peter’s Township)
2nd—Naman Dua & Colin Gramley (Shady Side Academy)
3rd—Dylann Tull & Jack Muraika (Cedar Crest)
4th—Andrew Tran & Vidit Makwana (Wissahickon)

2019–2020 PIAA Championship Dates

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