



September 2009 Administrative Staff Update

Enrollment Reports Mailing Reminder for the 2010-11 & 2011-12 Reclassification Cycle

Principals of PIAA member schools should be aware of the 2010-11 and 2011-12 Request for Enrollment Figures letter being sent later this month from the PIAA Office. Information will begin Thursday, October 1, 2009, and remain available to member school Principals until Thursday, October 15, 2009.

In each odd-numbered year, PIAA requests of member senior high schools, their enrollments of boys and girls in grades 9-11, as of October 1st. The total enrollments are utilized in determining enrollment classifications for the Teams sponsored by each school in each gender, as well as determining the dues structure of the member schools; both for the immediately following two-year period.

The letter will provide direction on how to update the enrollment information through the PIAA Web site at www.piaa.org by utilizing a unique code specific to each member senior high school. The ability to update this infor-

mation will begin Thursday, October 1, 2009, and remain available to member school Principals until Thursday, October 15, 2009. In additional to enrollment figures, Principals may update the member school contact information through the use of the school's access code. The more complete information that is made available on coaches and athletic administrators within the school, the better PIAA will be able to communicate with all those individuals within the school.

If there are any questions regarding which students are to be included in the enrollment figures for a school, contact the PIAA Office for clarification on Article IV, Dues and Enrollment Report, of the PIAA Constitution.

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NFHS and PIAA Board of Directors Approve Change to Swim Suits, Effective for the 2009-10 Season



Technical swim-suits were introduced to the world of swimming approximately two years ago. The advanced technology fundamentally altered the sport, and swimwear became more of a piece of equipment as opposed to a uniform.

The rules of swimming have

always prohibited the wearing or use of an item that would aid in the swimmer's speed or buoyancy. The technical suits have evolved with little or no regard for these basic rules.

In order to preserve the integrity, tradition, and heritage of the sport, as well as protect and enhance the interscholastic swimming program, the new requirements and restrictions on swimwear are necessary to promote the educational values of high school

athletics by promoting fair play. The immediate implementation date will guarantee fairness in competition throughout the high school swimming seasons and allow the meet officials to fairly and consistently enforce the rule.

For a copy of the NFHS Swimming Rule 3-3-2 rule, please access the following link to the PIAA Web site:

http://www.piaa.org/assets/web/documents/2009_NFHS_SW_SUIT_CHANGE.pdf

Extension of NFHS Field Hockey Rule 1-6-4:

Effective with the 2009 season, a visible permanent label was to be affixed to a player's stick indicating compliance with NFHS Field Hockey Rule 1-6-4.

From the beginning of this season, it has been a challenge for individual players and schools to obtain proper labeling from field hockey

stick manufacturers.

In an effort not to create a disadvantage to member state associations or undue hardship to their member schools, the **NFHS is extending the implementation of NFHS Field Hockey Rule 1-6-4 until January 1, 2010.**

The NFHS has made it clear, that following the conclusion of the 2009 season, there will not be another extension granted after January 1, 2010.

Please note: The intent of this rule does not include the goalkeeper's stick. The rule is for the field player's stick only.

Schedule Change for the PIAA East Region Golf Championships

Due to a scheduling conflict with the host course, Golden Oaks Golf Club, Fleetwood, PA, the PIAA East Region Golf Championships will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009. Previously, PIAA had scheduled the event for Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

The PIAA West Region Championships schedule is unaffected, and will be played at Tom's Run Golf Course, Chestnut Hill Golf

Resort, Blairsville, PA, on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 as originally scheduled.

The 2009 season marks the fourth year of regional play in golf for both the girls' and boys' Team and individual events.

32 girls' and 64 boys' individual qualifiers along with 6 Teams of both boys and girls will attempt to qualify for the finals from the East Region. 25 girls' and 50 boys' in-

dividual qualifiers and 6 Teams in each gender will attempt qualification from the West Region.



This year's PIAA Team and Individual Golf Championships are scheduled for Heritage Hills Golf Resort and Conference Center, York, PA, on Monday October 26 and Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

NFHS Clarification on Field Markings for Football

The PIAA Office has received numerous inquiries regarding a new clarification on field markings in the sport of football published in the 2009 NFHS Football Rules Book.

Rule 1-2-3b Note 2 provides the following: If the field of play has a logo in the center or at any other part of the field of play, that logo should not distract from the visibility of the required marks every five yards. A solid or shadow-bordered 4-inch-wide line is permissible. A shadow line is a line that designates the required 4-inch width by use of a border or

outline lines, at least ¼-inch wide which shall lie within the 4-inch width. Shadow lines that are the natural color of the field of play are permissible. The area within these lines need not be one color, but the continuous 4-inch-wide outline must be clearly visible to the officials.

Rule 1-2-3 has always provided that that yard lines were to be continuous unbroken line every five beginning and ending 4 inches from each sideline. If a center logo was to be included on the field of play, the rule still stipulated that the 50 yard line was to be continuous, and

not break for the logo on opposite sides of the field.

The rule is consistent with the NFHS Basketball Rules Book in that the dividing line for the court is to be an unbroken line.

The clarification in the 2009 NFHS Football Rules Book provides guidance on how school fields may become compliant with the Rule. Through the use of a shadow line or border line through the logo, the field will meet specifications of the Rule, providing clear markings for the officials administering the Contest.

PIAA-Registered Sports Officials' Identification Card Clarification



For assistance in accessing the PIAA Officials' database information, officials and school athletic administrators should contact the PIAA Office:

PIAA
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Tel. 717/ 697-0374 or 800/382-1392
Fax. 717/697-7721

Normal Business Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

On Thursday, August 27, 2009 all PIAA-registered sports officials' identification cards were mailed to all active and in good standing with PIAA, registered officials.

Some PIAA-registered sports officials, as of Friday, September 4, 2009, have informed the PIAA Office they were not in receipt of their ID card.

To assist in alleviating any problems with schools in demonstrating an initial registration date, officials may access the PIAA officials' database through the PIAA Web site and print their officials' profile with all the appropriate information. This profile will suffice until officials receive their original

identification card from the PIAA Office.

To access the officials' database, officials are to sign in utilizing the first four letters of their last name, and the last four digits of their PIAA officials' registration number.

Schools may also access this information through the officials' database and print any contracted official's profile for their records if an official is not in receipt of their ID card at the time of the Contest.



After 20 years in the Team apparel business, GTM Sportswear has come a long way. What started out as two men selling College Greek apparel out of the back of a van in 1989 has turned into a full service team and corporate apparel and awards company! GTM offers high quality team uniforms, warm-ups, polos, and t-shirts at prices the competition can't touch. To add to our great line of team apparel, we offer a variety of embellishment options including screen print, embroidery, twill and much more. Over the last year we have introduced three new embellishment processes including sequins, distressed appliqué, and rhinestones. With these three innovative processes we can take your team apparel to the next level!

Sequins

Sequin designs are all the rage with cheerleaders, dancers, gymnasts, and volleyball players. Female fans are also showing their team spirit with sequined apparel! These designs are a great way to make your cheer and dance uniforms, warm-up jackets, t-shirts, and sweatshirts stand out in the crowd. We offer a variety of single or double layer full front and full back designs. We can even make a custom sequin design just for you!



Distressed Appliqué

Distressed Appliqué is a great way to add style to your team shirts! To create this look, we use a top of the line Laser Bridge machine, which allows us to leave the fabric appliqué edges raw to create a frayed look. These designs take on a vintage appeal, and look better with every wash. You can choose from a wide variety of left chest, full front, and across zipper designs. Athletes, coaches, and fans love this look!



Rhinestones

The latest technique we've added to our wide variety of embellishment options is rhinestones. Rhinestones are a fun way to dress up your team and fan apparel. If you just want to add a little glitz to your look, our Little Glam Designs are perfect to add to your left chest, hip, or back neck. If you want to really sparkle and shine, our Big Glam Designs look great as a full front design on your favorite top!



Little Glam



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No matter what look you're going for GTM has a great selection of team apparel and embellishment options to fit all of your needs. For more information give us a call at 1-877-610-4125, or visit us on the web at gtmsportswear.com, and see what GTM can do for you!

Nationwide Insurance urges teens to “hang up and drive”

Distractions that take a driver’s eyes off the road even for just seconds put drivers and their passengers at great risk.

Columbus, OH — Feel like you’re the only one on the road not talking or texting on a cell phone? Odds are, you’re probably right.

Did you know?

- Nearly three-quarters of Americans admit they drive while distracted by activities such as talking on the phone, texting, or fiddling with an MP3 player, according to a survey by Nationwide Insurance.

And the problem is especially bad for young drivers:

- Nearly 40 percent of the teenagers and young adults surveyed admitted they send and receive text messages while driving.
- Nearly 40 percent also said they have been hit or almost hit by another car whose driver was talking on a cell phone.

“Clearly, distracted driving has taken over our roadways and Nationwide wants to educate all drivers that they need to focus on the road, not on their technology, when behind the wheel,” said Bill Windsor, Associate Vice President of Safety for Nationwide Insurance. “Text messaging comes natural to Gen Y-ers. However, multitasking while behind the wheel is quite different from multitasking while sitting at home.”

In fact, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says distracted drivers account for nearly four out of five crashes in the U.S.

That’s why Nationwide Insurance has teamed up with NASCAR Nationwide Series drivers, including Kyle Petty, to hold events at high schools across the country to drive home the message that multitasking behind the wheel puts drivers and their fellow motorists at risk. At these events, students learn how these distractions impact their driving when we challenge them to race in a NASCAR simulator while texting on a cell phone.



NASCAR Nationwide Series Driver Kyle Petty Driving While Distracted (DWD) in a NASCAR simulator.

“I am really excited to be a part of this campaign. Young drivers today are faced with more distractions than ever before, and diverting their attention away from the road with cell phone calls and text messages creates a very dangerous situation,” said Petty. “It is important for young adults to learn about the risks associated with distracted driving. If we can raise awareness on this particular subject I believe we can save lives.”

When it comes to making our roads and highways a safer place to drive, Nationwide is *On Your Side*®. For several years now, Nationwide has been leading the charge against Driving While Distracted (DWD) – which includes talking and texting on cell phones. It’s more than just a public awareness campaign. We want to be a part of the solution to this emerging and dangerous social trend.

To help, Nationwide and the National Safety Council developed www.NationwideSmartRide.com, a Website to provide parents and teens free tools and resources to help develop safe drivers and reinforce smart behavior.

“Nationwide believes we can make our roads a safer place to drive by finding solutions to the DWD problem through legislation, public awareness and encouraging the development of new technology,” said Windsor. “In addition to saving lives, fewer crashes could result in lower auto insurance costs.”

PIAA Meetings' and Events' Schedule for September and October 2009 (click on the calendar items for additional detail)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
September 2009		1	2	3	4	5
	6	7 Labor Day PIAA Office Closed	8	9	10	11
	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25 PIAA HRC Meeting	26 PIAA Board of Appeal	27 PIAA Foundation XC Race	28	29
30	31					

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
October 2009				1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8 PIAA BOD Meeting	9 PIAA BOD Meeting; Football Tournament Directors' Meeting
	10	11 Columbus Day PIAA Office Closed	12	13	14	15
	16	17 Last Regular Season Contest Date and District Deadline: Golf	18	19	20 East Golf Regional	21 West Golf Regional
	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Last Regular Season Contest Date and District Deadline: Tennis & XC			