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GIRLS' SPRING SOCCER SEASON EXTENDED TO 2012

At its meeting of Friday, October 9, 2009, the PIAA Board of Directors voted to extend the girls' spring soccer season through spring 2012. Previously, at its Thursday, July 23 and Friday, July 24, 2009 Board of Directors' meeting, the Board had voted to eliminate the girls' spring soccer season, effective the beginning in the 2010-2011 school year.

Schools that currently play girls' soccer during the PIAA-defined spring season expressed concerns over the timeframe provided to transition from the 2010 spring soccer season to the 2010 fall soccer season. Specifically, those affected member schools requested more time to budget for the change and address facility usage, staffing, and scheduling issues. Conversely, those member schools that currently play girls' soccer in the fall were anticipating an increase in the number of enrollment classifications in girls' soccer from two to three.

After much discussion, the Board unanimously voted to permit the girls' spring soccer season to continue through and including the spring of 2012. However, the number of enrollment classifications for girls' spring soccer will be reduced from two to one, effective the spring of 2011. That same motion provided for the number of enrollment classifications for girls' fall soccer to increase from two to three, effective the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.

"This action by the Board is a reasonable compromise for all member schools sponsoring girls' soccer. The Board was successful in accommodating the needs of schools requesting a longer transition period away from the spring season while cognizant of the need to provide for greater competitive balance through expansion of classifications in the fall season," said PIAA Executive Director Brad Cashman.

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