



December 2009 Administrative Staff Update

Requests For Proposals (RFP's) Available for PIAA Fall Championships and "Official Ball" Designations

At the Thursday, December 17 and Friday, December 18, 2009 meeting of the PIAA Board of Directors, the Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for each PIAA Fall Championships site was approved.

The purpose of the RFP process is to provide any interested venue the opportunity to submit a proposal to host a PIAA Championship event in the sport(s) of their choosing.

Following the timely receipt of all responses to the RFP, the PIAA Director of Business Affairs will open those responses before a Committee of the PIAA Board of Directors at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 15, 2010, in PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA.

Following a comparative analysis of all received and opened responses to the RFP by the PIAA Administrative Staff; the Executive Director will present his recommendation(s) to the PIAA Board of Directors for its consideration and approval at its meeting of Thursday, January 28 and Friday, January 29, 2010, in the Board Room of the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA.

The Board of Director approved venues will be awarded through and including, the 2013 fall championships season; with the exception of the PIAA Golf Championship RFP which was approved on a two-year basis through the fall of 2011.

Fall Championships included in the process are as follows:

Golf	Girls' Team Tennis
Cross Country	Girls' Singles and Doubles Tennis
Field Hockey	Girls' Volleyball
Football	
Soccer (Girls' Fall & Boys)	

All RFP's are available on the PIAA Web site under "[Latest News](#)".

Official Ball RFP's Distributed for Four-Year Term

Following an identical process described above, the PIAA Board of Directors approved the RFP's for "Official Ball" designations in the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, tennis, and volleyball.

Interested manufacturers have been provided the opportunity to provide a

proposal in the respective sport(s) of their choosing for the 2010-11, 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.

The manufacturer's properly submitted RFP's will be approved, following comparative analysis by the PIAA Administrative Staff, by the PIAA Board of Directors at its meeting of Thursday, January 28 and Friday, January 29, 2010, in the PIAA Office, Mechanicsburg, PA.

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(RFP continued)

Following PIAA Board of Director approval of the successful respondent(s) to the RFP, the selected products will be used in participating District and Inter-District (state) competition, all effective July 1, 2010.

As a point of clarification, PIAA does not require member schools to play with products designated with "Official Ball" status in any of the sports included in the RFP process during the Regular Season. Any product

which meets the rules specifications provided for by the respective rules books adopted by the PIAA Board of Directors for competition are suitable for use during the Regular Season.

For a complete listing of the "Official Ball" RFP's available on the PIAA Website, please utilize the following link:

www.piaa.org/news/details.aspx?ID=1868

Fall Champions Crowned at PIAA Championships

The 2009 PIAA Fall Championships in the sports of golf, girls' tennis, cross country, girls' volleyball, field hockey, and soccer, were reported on in the November edition. Below please find the completed results from the 2009 Football Championships.

2009 Football Championships	December 18 & 19	Hersheypark Stadium, Hershey
A Champion	Clairton (7) d. Bishop McCort (6)	15-3
AA Champion	Lancaster Catholic (3) d. Greensburg Central Catholic (7)	21-14
AAA Champion	Selinsgrove (4) d. Manheim Central (3)	10-7
AAAA Champion	La Salle College (12) d. State College (6)	24-7

Summary of PIAA Board of Directors' Action from its Thursday, December 17 & Friday, December 18, 2009 Meeting

Highlighting much of the action taken by the PIAA Board of Directors at its meeting of Thursday, December 17 and Friday, December 18, 2009 were those taken on recommendations from the respective Fall Sports' Steering Committees. The Board received and acted on recommendations from the Football, Golf, Soccer, Tennis, and Volleyball Steering Committees. The following contains a snapshot of recommendations from those Committees that were approved by the Board:

Football Committee:	Rescind the Rules and Regulations Regarding Use of Eye Shields (Visors) in Football portion of Rules and Regulations Section of PIAA Handbook, as National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Football Rule 1-5-3n permits the use of an eye shield that is 1) attached to helmet, 2) constructed of a molded rigid material, and 3) clear (absent of any tint), effective July 1, 2010 .
Golf Committee:	Amend the Policy for Determining Number of Enrollment Classifications in the Sports of Cross Country, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, and Wrestling, to include the sport of golf, effective July 1, 2012 . Authorize a set of forward tees for girls playing on boys' golf Teams, which approximate 85% of the total yardage of the course that the boys play, for all Regular Season and Postseason competition, effective July 1, 2010 . Prohibit student-athletes from using range finders when participating in Regular Season and Postseason golf competition involving PIAA member-schools, effective July 1, 2010 .
Soccer Committee:	Continue use of TicketLeap for online advance admission sales; and give consideration to the use of TicketLeap for other Inter-District Championships, as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.
Tennis Committee:	Amend the Rule relating to Contestants' Attire to rescind the provision which prohibits the wearing of jewelry during tennis Contests, effective July 1, 2010 .
Volleyball Committee:	Replace the current first round single elimination format on Tuesday immediately following PIAA District/Region deadline with first round pool play format to occur on the Saturday immediately following the PIAA District/Region deadline. From first round pools, the top two teams will advance to the immediately following Friday quarterfinal round of pool play. The format will extend the volleyball Postseason by one week, effective July 1, 2010 .

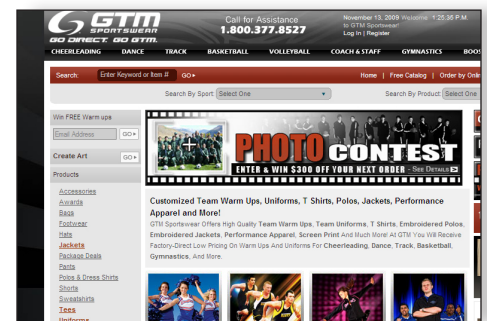
For a complete summary of the PIAA Board of Directors' action, please click on the following link "[here](#)".



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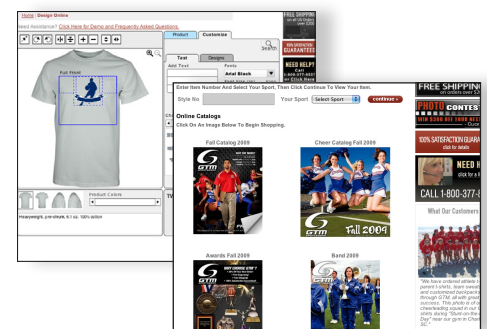
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Cool Tools!

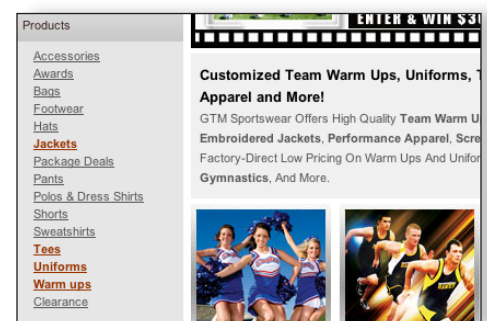
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PIAA Meetings' and Events' Schedule for December 2009 and January 2010 (click on the calendar items for additional detail)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
December 2009		1	2	3 Dec. 11 Winter Sports' First Contest Date Indoor Track, Girls' Gym., Wr, S&D, & Basketball	4 Football Championships Quarterfinal Round	5
	6	7 Winter Sports' First Contest Date Rifle & Bowling	8	9	10 PIAA Coaches' Advisory Comm. Meeting & Fall Sports' Workshop PIAA Office	11 Hanukkah
					12 Football Championships Semi-Final Round	
	13	14	15	16	17 PIAA Board of Directors' Meeting	18 PIAA Board of Directors' Meeting Football Championships
	19	20	21	22	23	24 PIAA Board of Appeal
20	21 Winter Begins	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
January 2010					1 New Year's	2
	3	4	5	6	7	8
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	10	11	12	13 PIAA District Wrestling Tournament Directors' Meeting PIAA Office	14 PIAA Budget Committee Meeting PIAA Office	15 PIAA Budget Committee, PIAA Board of Appeal PIAA Office Deadline of Officials' Ballots
	16	17	18	19	20	21
	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day PIAA Office Closed	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 PIAA Board of Directors' Meeting PIAA Office	29 PIAA Board of Directors' Meeting; PIAA District Basketball Tournament Directors' Meeting; PIAA Office	30
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