

**IMPORTANT JUNIOR HIGH/MIDDLE SCHOOLS'  
FOOTBALL ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

**7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who become involved in a youth football program that includes full physical contact activities prior to MONDAY AUGUST 16, 2010, the first Practice date of the PIAA-defined football season, will become INELIGIBLE to participate in interscholastic football for one year following such participation. This interpretation is consistent with the PIAA position on out-of-season football related activities that involve physical contact (ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 2, Rules and Regulations, subsection C, Football, of the PIAA By-Laws).**

**If a 7<sup>th</sup> and/or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student-athlete wants to participate in both a youth football program and an interscholastic football program that student-athlete MUST NOT ENGAGE in any FULL PHYSICAL CONTACT activity prior to Monday August 16, 2010 and that student-athlete may not wear any football gear except a helmet and shoulder pads prior to THURSDAY AUGUST 19, 2010. The use of a member school's helmets and shoulder pads must be approved by that member school's Principal.**