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PIAA “OFFICIAL BALL” ADOPTIONS ANNOUNCED EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2018

MECHANICSBURG, PA – Thursday, January 23, 2014 (**revised 1/31/14**)

The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) is pleased to announce “Official Ball” adoptions in the sports of baseball, basketball, football, soccer, softball, and volleyball.

PIAA received eight (8) proposals for “Official Ball” adoption from various manufacturers by the stated deadline of 4:30 p.m., Thursday, January 16, 2014. After receiving a comparative analysis of the eight (8) proposals from the Administrative Staff, the PIAA Board of Directors unanimously voted to accept the recommendation of the Staff to award the “Official Ball” status in all sports to Rawlings Sporting Goods, for a four (4) year period beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2018.

Rawlings balls will be used exclusively in PIAA participating District and State Championships in the following events: Baseball, Girls’ & Boys’ Basketball, Football, Girls’ & Boys’ Soccer, Softball, and Girls’ & Boys’ Volleyball.

The specific models adopted for play beginning July 1, 2014 are as follows (note current Rawlings model numbers in parenthesis):

Baseball:

R1PIAA (R100)

Soccer:

PIAASB950 (SB95)

Basketball:

PIAA295 (boys) (CONTOUR-B)

PIAA285 (girls) (CONTOURW-B)

Softball:

PX2RYL-PIAA (PX2RYL)

Football:

PRO5-PIAA (PRO5)

Volleyball:

PIAAVB1001 (VB1001)

Visit Rawlings Sporting Goods on the web at www.rawlings.com. For specific questions regarding products, please contact Greg Bialis, VP Team Sales, at GBialis@rawlings.com.

NOTE: Qualifying schools are required to compete with the PIAA Championships’ “Official Ball” provided for use in participating PIAA District and all Inter-District Championship Contests (first round through final, inclusive). Member schools may elect to participate with the NFHS-approved ball of their choice during Regular Season Contests.