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INFORMATION REGARDING CONTACT FOOTBALL CAMPS

Students participating in contact activities will lose athletic eligibility in the sport of football for a period of one year from the date of such participation.

ARTICLE XVI, SEASON AND OUT-OF-SEASON RULES AND REGULATIONS, Section 2, Rules and Regulations, subsection C, Football, of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. ("PIAA") By-Laws, provides in relevant part as follows:

C. Football.

The following sport-specific rules modify the provisions otherwise set forth in this ARTICLE. To the extent any other provision in this ARTICLE is inconsistent with this Section, this Section controls.

1. For purposes of this Section, "Physical Contact" means blocking and/or tackling. "Physical Contact" does not include contact with blocking and/or tackling dummies, shields, and/or sleds; and/or minimum risk "form" blocking or tackling.

2. Students who engage in Physical Contact at football camps and/or during clinics and/or drills, or similar or comparable functions or activities, and/or during Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, and/or Contests, outside the PIAA-defined football season are ineligible to participate in interscholastic football for a period of up to one year from the date of such participation. Coaches assisting and/or supervising in Physical Contact by students from PIAA member schools, outside the PIAA-defined football season are ineligible to Coach interscholastic football at any PIAA member school for a period of up to one year from the date of such conduct.

3. Outside the PIAA-defined football season, the Principal may permit students of the Principal's school to use the school's helmets, shoulder pads, and shoes for non-Physical Contact skill related instruction supervised by school-approved adults or at instructional camps. This provision is to promote student safety in football-related activities that do not include Physical Contact.

4. In recognition of the unique circumstances within those PIAA member schools that are absent of any junior high/middle school interscholastic football program, students enrolled in and attending those member schools in grades 7 and 8 may annually participate in the out-of-season interscholastic football program organized and operated as National Football League (NFL) Junior Player Development. A student's participation shall be limited to a maximum of two weeks per year.

5. Nothing in this Section shall prevent any student from participating, up through the completion of 8th grade, on community based non-school affiliated youth fall football programs through December 31st of the same calendar year.

The loss of eligibility of a student-athlete that participates in organized contact football camps, clinics, drills, Practices, Inter-School Practices, Scrimmages, Contests, or similar contact activities outside the PIAA-defined football season applies equally to any student that will be entering grades 7 to 12, inclusive, and who desires to participate in interscholastic football at a PIAA member school. The loss of eligibility is not restricted to participation in contact camps located within the boundaries of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Just as students who receive financial compensation for playing in a sports Contest in another state still violate the rules relating to amateur status, students do not escape the "no contact" restriction by doing so in another state if they desire to participate on a football Team of a PIAA member school.