

NEWS RELEASE

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Out-of-Season Activities

To assist schools and their programs in compliance with out of season summer activity programs, we are displaying the appropriate PIAA By-Law to assist all members with proper compliance. We have noted in bold one of the biggest problems with out-of-season activities and are requesting schools to use team names and nicknames that are not school affiliated. This will assist all of us in rules compliance. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the PIAA Office at 717/697-0374.

Outside of the defined-season for sports:

- 1. PIAA member schools may not sponsor Teams in that sport;
- PIAA member schools, Coaches and/or students of PIAA member schools may be involved with sports activities such as training programs, recreational activities, Open Gyms, clinics, and camps provided that any participation by Coaches and/or students is as private citizens and <u>is voluntary</u> as described below;
- 3. Coaches and/or students acting as private citizens, and on a voluntary basis, may participate on Teams that are not affiliated with PIAA member schools during the out-of season period. Coaches and other PIAA member school personnel may not require a student to participate in a sport or a training program for a sport outside of the PIAA-defined sport's season. <u>The participation of students in any sports activity that occurs outside of its defined season must be voluntary</u>; and
- 4. The school's name, nickname, interscholastic athletic uniform, interscholastic athletic equipment, and interscholastic athletic health/first-aid supplies may not be used by community organizations and groups. The school's name, nickname and interscholastic athletic uniforms may not be used by students; however, the Principal, with the exception of football equipment, may permit students to use the school's interscholastic athletic equipment and the school's interscholastic athletic health/first-aid supplies.