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PIAA FOOTBALL ADOPTION CHANGE
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MECHANICSBURG, PA –

The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association, Inc. (PIAA) is pleased to announce that Wilson Sporting Goods (Wilson) has been selected as the provider of the “Official Ball” for the 2016-17 school year in the sport of football. The Wilson GST 1003 will be distributed and required for play beginning with participating PIAA District and Inter-District Football Championship contests. Wilson had been the “Official Ball” of the PIAA Football Championships from 1988 through 2013.

PIAA Executive Director Dr. Robert A. Lombardi stated, “PIAA is happy to renew its relationship with Wilson Sporting Goods for the 2016 Football Championships. The GST is a ball that schools have used in the past and have liked its performance. We are happy to renew our relationship with Wilson in providing footballs for the 2016 football post-season. “

“In partnership with the PIAA, we are excited to place our Wilson GST football back onto the fields of play across the state of Pennsylvania,” said Kevin Murphy, General Manager, Inflates and Digital Products, Wilson Sporting Goods. “We are committed to providing all PIAA coaches and players with the best, performance football available to youth and high school athletes today.”

Rawlings Sporting Goods (Rawlings) will continue to be the provider of “Official Balls” in the sports of baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, and volleyball through the completion of the 2016-2017 school year. This change in the football adoption was predicated on Rawlings indication that the company has ceased production of the R2-PIAA football and it will not be available to competing schools for the 2016-17 school year.

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