

**SUMMARY OF PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ACTIONS FROM THE
MEETING OF THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016**

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1. Approved the Minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors.
2. Approved a member school's request for limited relief from the age rule to permit limited participation of two students with disabilities to permit limited participation in swimming and track and field.
3. Approved Proposed By-Law Amendments, **all on a 1st reading basis**, to amend:
 - SPORTSMANSHIP, AND UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT, to add provisions addressing unsportsmanlike behavior by student-athletes, coaches, and/or teams during awards/medal ceremonies, as recommended by PCA and Sportsmanship Steering Committees.
 - ARTICLE IX, REPRESENTATION, Section 5, Eligibility of Students for Championship Contests, for further clarification.
 - the GLOSSARY, to create a definition for "Assignor".
 - the GLOSSARY, definition of the term "Team", for further clarification.
4. Approved the following withdrawal of membership, effective July 1, 2016:

District VII

 - Wilson Christian Academy

District IX

 - Ss. Cosmas & Damian Junior High School
5. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the **2016-2017** enrollment classification cycle (these approvals have no effect on enrollment classifications).

District IV

 - Southern Columbia and Saint Columba Catholic Junior High Schools (girls' basketball and softball)

District VII

 - Freeport and Leechburg Area High Schools (boys' lacrosse)
 - Freeport and Armstrong Senior High Schools (boys' volleyball)

District XII

 - Girard Academic Music Program and South Philadelphia (Furness) High Schools (boys' and girls' tennis)
6. Approved the following requests for cooperative sponsorship of a sport, effective during the **2017-2018** enrollment classification cycle (these approvals have no effect on enrollment classifications).

District VII

 - Blackhawk and Western Beaver High Schools (boys' and girls' swimming & diving)
7. Accepted the Annual Consolidated Auditors Report of PIAA and the PIAA Headquarters Audit Report both for the year ended June 30, 2016, as presented by Boyer and Ritter, P.C., Certified Public Accountants.
8. Accepted the PIAA (Headquarters Only) unaudited financial statements for the months ended September 30 and October 31, 2016.
9. Received a report on the number of disqualifications issued in fall sports. Discussed the high number of soccer disqualifications and referred the matter to the Soccer Steering Committee for further review and possible development of an unsportsmanlike conduct and code of conduct for coaches.

10. Referred back to the Golf Steering Committee the recommendation to eliminate the Regional Tournaments, and to develop a format for the Individual Golf Championships, which would become effective next classification cycle.

It was voted to accept the Golf Steering Committee recommendation to provide for girls' postseason golf competition to play four and score three players, rather than the current play five and score four players, effective the 2017 golf season.

Accepted the Golf Steering Committee Minutes, as prepared and presented by the Chief Operating Officer.

11. **On a second reading basis**, approved the recommendation of both the Baseball Steering Committee and Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and adopted a baseball pitching restriction policy as follows:

Total Number of Pitches Thrown	Required Days of Rest
76-100	3 calendar days
51-75	2 calendar days
26-50	1 calendar day
1-25	No rest required

If a pitcher reaches the maximum pitch count permitted in a calendar day during an at bat, that pitcher will be permitted to continue to pitch to that batter, or any substitute for that batter, until such batter is put out or reaches first base, or until a third out has been made prior to the end of that at bat.

- No pitcher may appear in more than two consecutive days of competition;
 - The maximum pitch limitation is 200 pitches in a Calendar Week. If a pitcher is permitted to throw more than 100 pitches to complete an at-bat, that pitcher will be credited with 100 pitches for the appearance;
 - Scorekeepers are requested to frequently confer with one another to confirm pitch counts (no less than once per inning). If a discrepancy occurs between the visiting and home pitch counts that cannot be resolved, the scorebook of the home team shall be the official book; and
 - A representative of each school must record pitch counts for their players in MaxPreps no later the team's next regularly scheduled contest. **Note:** PIAA recommends using Game Changer, as it is a free app for Apple products and can be easily synced into MaxPreps.
12. Unanimously accepted the RFP's for PIAA "Official" ball for a four year cycle for all sports and authorized the RFP's to be posted upon the PIAA Website.
13. Approved and corrected District VII request to adjust the 2017 and 2018 PIAA Boys' Lacrosse Championship brackets as follows:
- 2017 & 2018 Boys' AAA Lacrosse Brackets: 7-1 vs 3-2; 3-1 vs 7-3; and 6-1 or 10-1 vs 7-2.
14. Accepted the report and recommendation of the Human Resources Committee meeting of Wednesday, November 16, 2016.
15. Referred back to the Strategic Planning Committee proposed revisions to the Member School Athletic Transfer Waiver Request Form.
16. Discussed current policy for officials' dues increase and communication of these increases in future years.
17. Advised the PIAA Board of Directors that PSAHPERD presented the Board with their Legislative Award for its support of non-waivers of health and physical education.

NEXT PIAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING: 4:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2017 IN THE BOARD ROOM, PIAA OFFICE, MECHANICSBURG, PA.