

PIAA is currently seeking applicants to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the statewide rules interpreter in the sport of wrestling. This position acts as an extension of PIAA office regarding the sport of wrestling, the administration of Contests within the rules of wrestling, and also to act as an expert within Pennsylvania regarding this sport.

This position will act under the direction and supervision of the PIAA Assistant Executive Director, and will perform the duties listed below:

- 1. Provides rules interpretations and responds to questions concerning Contest administration and officiating mechanics from chapter rules interpreters, coaches, and other school officials. When indicated, responds to the questions and inquiries, in writing, and forwards a copy of this written response to the PIAA Assistant Executive Director.
- 2. Periodically, prior to and/or during the sport's season, prepares and forwards memorandums, chapter meeting guides and bulletins to the PIAA Assistant Executive Director for his review which may be, subsequently, distributed to all PIAA chapter rules interpreters.
- 3. Establishes and maintains communications, continuously, with PIAA chapter rules interpreters on a statewide basis.
- 4. Keeps the PIAA Assistant Executive Director informed, continuously, concerning any problems related to rules interpretations and applications, Contest administration, and officiating mechanics that are occurring throughout the state.
- 5. Attends the annual NFHS Rules Interpreters' Meeting in his/her sport, if necessary.
- 6. Conducts annual PIAA Rules Interpretation Meetings for chapter interpreters.
- 7. Develops and implements procedures to ensure that rules interpretations in his/her sport are uniform and consistent throughout the state.
- 8. At the conclusion of the sport's season, submit recommendations, in writing, to the PIAA Assistant Executive Director concerning how rules interpretation meetings and rules interpretations, in general, can be made more effective throughout the state.

- 9. Attends and promotes the annual officials' convention and assists in suggesting session topics, presenting, and acquiring speakers for these sessions.
- 10. Attends the state championships and acts as the final authority regarding rules interpretations during the championship Contest(s).

Applicants should have a minimum five years' experience officiating wrestling and an unquestioned knowledge of the rules and its officiating mechanics.

Applicants must possess excellent communication skills due to the wide range of persons this position interacts with.

The following attributes are preferred for this position, but not required:

- Officiating at an advanced, high level, including playoffs
- Holding a post-secondary degree
- Experience as a chapter interpreter

This position receives a small stipend and reimbursement for any out of pocket expenses incurred related to the performance of the duties of this position.

Interested officials, currently in good standing in the sport of wrestling should submit correspondence to PIAA office by the close of business Friday, January 18, 2019 expressing their interest in serving in this most important position. This correspondence should include their training and experience in the sport of wrestling along with any other information that would be pertinent to the position and which would also provide PIAA any valuable information prior to making the final selection. Three references are also requested, to contact, if necessary.

Interviews will be conducted of selected officials the week of January 21, 2019. Interviews will include a short presentation concerning wrestling rules from each candidate. The selected candidate will be expected to work alongside current Statewide Rules Interpreter Dr. John Hosage at both 2019 Team and Individual Wrestling Championships.

Submit correspondence and direct any questions to Patrick B. Gebhart, PIAA Assistant Executive Director, at <a href="mailto:pgebhart@piaa.org">pgebhart@piaa.org</a> or (717) 697-0374 ext. 121.