



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

This position acts in concert with the PIAA Assistant Executive Director, and will perform the duties listed below:

1. Provides rule interpretations and responds to questions concerning contest administration and officiating mechanics from district and 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 their review and distribution to all PIAA district and chapter rules interpreters.
3. Establishes and maintains communications, continuously, with PIAA district and chapter rules interpreters on a statewide basis.
4. Keeps the PIAA Assistant Executive Director continuously in communication concerning any problems related to rules interpretations and applications, contest administration, and officiating mechanics that are occurring throughout the Commonwealth.
5. Attends the annual NFHS Rules Interpreters Meeting for football, if necessary.
6. Conducts the annual PIAA Rules Interpretation Meetings for district and chapter interpreters and attends both rules and chapter meetings on a regular basis.
7. Develops and implements procedures to ensure that rules interpretations in football are uniform and consistent throughout the Commonwealth. This may involve the use of video and other forms of advancing technology.

8. At the conclusion of the sport's season, submit correspondence, in writing, to the PIAA Assistant Executive Director overseeing the Officials Program concerning how rules interpretations meetings and rules interpretations, in general, can be made more effective throughout the Commonwealth.
9. Attends and promotes the Annual Officials' Convention and assists in suggesting session topics, presenting, and acquiring speakers for those 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 of five (5) years' experience officiating football and an unquestioned knowledge of the rules and its officiating mechanics.

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

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

- Playing experience in interscholastic football and advanced levels
- Interscholastic football officiating at an advanced level, including playoffs
- Holding a post-secondary degree
- Experience as a district or chapter rules interpreter
- Well versed in technology and its continuing advancements as it may relate to the training of officials

This position receives a 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 football should submit correspondence to PIAA office by the close of business, Friday March 12, 2021 expressing their interest in serving in this most important position.

This correspondence should include their training and experience in the sport of football 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 requested and may be contacted to provide background information, if necessary.

Interviews will be conducted of selected officials in the month of April 2021.

Submit correspondence and direct any questions to Patrick B. Gebhart, PIAA Assistant Executive Director, at [pgebhart@piaa.org](mailto:pgebhart@piaa.org) or (717) 697-0374 ext. \*121